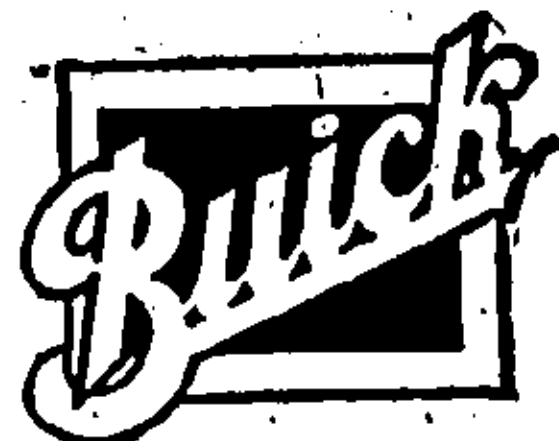




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IN SHANTUNG.

SUN CHUAN-FANG'S LOSSES.

NATIONALIST ADVANCE.

Great Alarm In Japanese Circles.

"CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S" SPECTACULAR ATTACK.

Advancing in the formation of a pair of pincers, two columns of the Nationalist allied army have forced the Northern troops to retire precipitately. In less than a fortnight, the Nationalists have penetrated a hundred miles on a front of about seventy-five miles long.

All the south-west of Shantung province and a large part of the south of Shantung have been wrested from the Northern.

Huge captures of men and material are claimed by the Nationalists following the spectacular flank by the "Christian General's" Kuominchun which broke into the Northerners' rear.

On the Chihli-Honan front, the Kuominchun is about 300 miles from Peking. The joint Nationalist-Kuominchun pincer-like column in Shantung is also about 300 miles from Peking. On the Shansi front, however, the Northerners declare that they have entered the territory of the Nationalist ally.

THE PEKING PUSH.

That Japan views the situation with growing alarm is evident from cables to hand of preparations to protect nationals in Shantung.

It now seems as if the main Northern army in Shantung may even have to withdraw north of the Yellow River. There are small garrisons in the east of Shantung which can march to the coast if the road to Peking is cut off but these will not be able to offer much resistance.

A British Naval wireless despatch says that units of Wu-Han Nationalists are reported to be moving northward up the Peking-Hankow Railway, in Honan province, to assist the Kuominchun.

Situation Explained. Not only is the capture by the Kuominchun of Tsinan, in south-west Shantung, confirmed in the Naval wireless, but a report has been received that the Kuominchun has advanced another ten miles forward, half the distance to Yenchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, where the Northerners had hoped to make a stand.

The disposition of the rival armies has to be explained for the situation to be understood. The Northern forces are under two Generals, Sun Chuan-fang and Chang Tsung-chang. The former bore the brunt of the Nationalists' attack, defending the south and south-west of Shantung. The Nanking Nationalists under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek were in the south and the Kuominchun under the "Christian General" in the south-west.

Flank Attack. General Sun Chuan-fang, according to Reuter, had been attacking from Yutai southward to Tangshan (in north-west of Kiangsu province), hoping to isolate Hsuehchow, has junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-Hai Railways, the former being the line of communication of the Nationalists (south to north) and the latter that of the Kuominchun (west to east). Kweichow (in the extreme east of Honan) was his objective. Sun Chuan-fang had in mind the turning of the Nanking Nationalists' left flank.

As Sun Chuan-fang moved southward, the Kuominchun (i.e. Nationalists under the "Christian General," Feng Yu-shiang) seized its opportunity, struck at Sun Chuan-fang's flank and rear and completely frustrated the operation. The Kuominchun marched on, north-eastwards, to occupy Tsinan, on the Grand Canal, says Reuter.

Nationalist Claims. Sun Chuan-fang had 20,000 men in an advanced position, around Yutai, facing the Nationalists in the south. These were enveloped through the Kuominchun reaching their rear and a Reuter cable says that the unit was destroyed.

Nationalist headquarters at Hsuehchow, in north Kiangsu, claim the following captures:—over 20,000 men, 8 Major Generals, 11 Brigade Generals, over 200 field and company

AN ACT OF GRACE.

German Warships Mess Plate.

"A MYSTERY."

Australia Returns It To German Government.

Sydney, Yesterday. The mess plate of the German cruisers "Scharnhorst" and "Leipzig" which were destroyed in the battle off the Falkland Islands, is being returned to the German Government as an act of grace.

How the plate came to Sydney is a mystery. It is supposed to have been left in the Caroline Islands by the Germans for safety and found its way here after the Japanese occupation of the Carolines. It was discovered several years ago in a dealer's shop when the customs officials seized it on the ground that it was liable to duty.—Reuter.

RUM-RUNNER.

NOTORIOUS CHARACTER HANGED.

AN ILLINOIS TERROR.

Benton, Illinois, Yesterday. Charles Birger, leader of the gang warfare which cost the Egypt Section of Illinois a score of lives and who was sentenced to death on July 1927 for the murder on December, 1926, of Mr. Adams, Mayor of West City, who had been very active in suppressing rum-runners, was hanged today.—Reuter's American Service.

ISLAND TRAGEDIES.

NATIVE CONFESSES TO CADET MURDER.

Tulagi, Solomon Islands, Yesterday. A native named Freal, who confessed to shooting the cadet, Mr. Lillies, has been sentenced to death. Fifty natives will be tried for the murder of the native police.—Reuter.

SUMMER!

BEGINS AT TWO IN THE MORNING.

London, Yesterday. Summer time begins (officially) at 2 a.m. on the 22nd inst.—Reuter.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

COLOUR PRESENTATION BY GOVERNOR.

ON MAY 6.

On Sunday the 6th May, His Excellency the Governor will present Colours to the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Murray Parade Ground at 9.30 a.m.

The grant of Colours to the Corps was sanctioned by the Army Council and approved by His Majesty the King last year.

The Colours have been designed at the College of Arms, which institution is responsible for the design of all Colours for the Regular and Territorial Army.

The King's Colour follows the usual design of the Union Jack having a circle surrounding a red disc and surmounted by a Crown in its centre.

Yellow Chosen. The Regimental Colour usually corresponds with the facings of the Regiment, but the Corps having no facings owing to its uniform being khaki drill, yellow has been chosen, as the Regimental Colour of the Hong Kong Regiment, the only other unit connected exclusively with the Colony, was yellow.

In the centre there is a red disc on which is embrodered the Dragon crest of the Corps, surrounded by a circle bearing the name of the Corps and surmounted by a Crown.

Underneath is the motto "Nulli Secundus in Oriente," which was borne by the Old Volunteer Corps; surrounding the whole is a Garland of Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, which appears on most Regimental Colours.

The idea that the Corps should have Colours originated with Lady Clementi, on whose inspiration a fund was raised by the Ladies of the Colony to provide the Colours. The presence of ladies at the Parade, and at Volunteer Headquarters after the ceremony will be much appreciated by the whole Corps.

"RED" MONEY.

Found On Irish Gunmen.

CIRCULATED IN BRITAIN.

"Jix" Says "This Sort of Thing Has Got To Stop."

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, during questions, Sir Wm. Joynson Hicks (Home Secretary) confirmed the report that the Bank of England notes were found on the Irish gunmen (mentioned on March 27) and traced back to a Russian bank in Britain. He was



Sir W. Joynson Hicks.

consequently inquiring, but was satisfied that Russian money was being using in attempts to foment revolutionary action here. Complete Evidence.

"I have very complete evidence that a large number of Treasury notes, issued to a Russian bank in Britain has passed into the possession of the Communist Party, and thence to Communist organisers, throughout Britain," declared Sir Wm. Joynson Hicks.

OUR PICTURES.

Features In To-morrow's Issue.

In addition to the usual week-end features, which include a special article on Chinese affairs by our correspondent, "Li Chung-ling" and a Charming Stan Hill soccer cartoon, there will appear in the "China Mail" to-morrow a series of photographs of great local interest.

Amongst the events thus pictorially described are three weddings that took place last Saturday afternoon, the "At Home" at the new Diocesan Boys' School, the first dinner of the Portuguese Company of the Volunteer Defence Corps, and the inspection of the Police Force and Police Reserve by H.E. the Governor.

A number of pictures of local people will also appear.

son Hicks at Leamington, in amplifying his statement in the Commons.

Reference to China and Japan. He also referred to Soviet intrigue abroad, notably in China, where the position was better, because China had discovered Moscow.

"But their crimes and murders will continue and that kind of thing has got to stop. It has momentarily been stopped in China, but recently it has been apparent in Japan,"—Reuter.

Another Important Question. The Home Secretary (Sir Wm. Joynson Hicks) was asked by Major Guy Kindersley whether in view of the fact that Bank of England notes had been found on persons described as Irish gunmen, arrested before Easter for being in illegal possession of firearms, had been traced to Russian banking institutions in this country, he would make inquiries as to whether any moneys standing to the credit of Russian trading organisations in this country were being used in attempts to organise revolutionary action here.

The Home Secretary replied that Major Kindersley's information was correct. He (the Home Secretary) was constantly making inquiries and was satisfied that Russian money was being used in the way suggested.—British Wireless Service.

STRAITS' BILL.

PASSES THROUGH LORDS' COMMITTEE.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Lords, the Straits Settlements' and the Johore-Territorial Waters' Agreement Bill passed the Committee stage without amendment.—Reuter.

COL. DAY'S QUERIES.

Wants Information On Nanking Outrage.

CONSULATE ATTACK.

Foreign Office State Negotiations Proceeding.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel Harry Day (Labour), Mr. Locker Lampson said that no specific claim for reparation for the occupation of the British Consulate at Nanking by the Nationalist troops had been lodged, as His Majesty's Government regarded this matter covered by the statement in Mr. Eugene Chen's reply of April 14, 1927, that the Nationalist Government was prepared to make good for all damage done to the British Consulate at Nanking.

Col. Day asked if it was intended to lodge a claim for compensation or how would the amount be arrived at. Mr. Lampson said that negotiations were now proceeding with the Nanking Government regarding the matter.—Reuter.

FINLANDS "RED."

WHOLESALE ARRESTS CONTINUE.

LEADER'S SUICIDE.

Helsingfors, Yesterday. Villunon, one of the Communist leaders arrested by the police, in the round-up of suspects has committed suicide by poisoning. Thirty Communists are now in custody and the arrests continue. The prisoners include most of the Communist Party's salaried officials, two members of the Diet and several journalists.—Reuter.

CLAIM BY HAYNES.

SUING MR. BREWER FOR \$1,000.

A POINT OF LAW.

Further discussion took place at the Summary Court this morning, arising out of the case in which Mr. L. E. Haynes sues Mr. N. I. Brewer, as to whether the statement of claim sets out a case in law.

Plaintiff sues for \$1,000 alleged to be due for work done and materials supplied.

Plaintiff was not in Court but was represented by Mr. J. E. C. Marton.

Defendant appeared in person. Mr. Marton asked for a date to be fixed for hearing.

His Honour indicated that he was not hearing the case himself. Mr. Brewer asked His Honour whether he could direct an issue as to whether the statement of claim had shown there was any case. It was a question of law.

His Honour: You can submit that at the trial. Mr. Brewer: It would determine the whole case if this issue were settled before.

His Honour: Are you responsible for the particulars, Mr. Marton.

Mr. Marton (amidst smiles): No, I am not.

His Honour: Have you read them?

Mr. Marton: No. His Honour then directed Mr. Marton to read the particulars and Mr. Marton and Mr. Brewer engaged in conversation.

Subsequently, Mr. Marton suggested that the case might be adjourned a week in order that he could go into the matter with the plaintiff.

His Honour said that Mr. Brewer had attended ex parte some time ago when the plaintiff was in Hospital and Mr. Brewer then explained that he had duties outside the Colony which made a series of attendances inconvenient.

Mr. Marton: We are trying to settle the case.

Mr. Brewer: What I would like would be for Your Honour to direct an issue on the question of law.

His Honour indicated that he would fix Thursday at eleven o'clock for this issue to be tried but later commented that difficulties might arise if Mr. Marton applied for leave to supply further amended particulars.

Mr. Brewer: I should be pleased to receive them.

His Honour said that, on consideration, he thought the best course was to put the matter into Mr. Day's list.

"ASIATIC PRINCE."

Vain Search Of A Week.

FORTNIGHT OVERDUE.

22 British: 30 Chinese Crew Aboard.

London, Yesterday. A message received from U.S.S. "Barry" states that the American destroyers have returned to Honolulu after a week of vain search for the liner "Asiatic Prince" with a crew of 22 British and 30 Chinese which is a fortnight overdue on her voyage from Los Angeles to Yokohama, and has not been heard of after sending out an S.O.S.—Reuter.

[The "China Mail" last Saturday stated: Due to arrive in Hong Kong yesterday, the "Asiatic Prince" is believed to have met with a mishap when between Los Angeles and Yokohama. The indications point to the vessel having been lost but hope has not yet been abandoned.]

The "Asiatic Prince" had a general cargo for Yokohama, Shanghai and Hong Kong. On March 22 the agents in Hong Kong (Furness, Far East Line), in accordance with the practice existing of keeping in touch with vessels here, to ascertain time of arrival, received a wireless message that for the past three days the speed had only been 12 knots as compared with the average 14 and over. Since then nothing has been heard of the ship but the "City of Eastbourne" on arriving at Yokohama from Los Angeles, reported having received an S.O.S. message on March 24 from an unknown vessel, position also unknown.

In spite of repeated messages from the "City of Eastbourne" no further message was received. It is thought that the message may have been from the "Asiatic Prince" which is now twelve days overdue at Yokohama. There were no passengers on board.

American destroyers have been sent from Honolulu to search the probable region in which the "Asiatic Prince" was at the time the S.O.S. message was sent.

The "Asiatic Prince" is a round-the-world cargo service.]

GOVERNOR'S YACHT.

M.V. "BRITANNIA" LAUNCHED TO-DAY.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The motor yacht "Britannia," the new vessel built for H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong, was launched this morning at the slipway of Messrs. Ah King, at Causeway Bay.

Precisely at 11 o'clock, Miss Clementi very successfully conducted the usual launching ceremony and the vessel decorated with gay bunting slowly slid into the water to float on an even keel.

Later in the offices of Messrs. Ah King, Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, of Messrs. Thornycroft Co., Ltd., in an appropriate speech, thanked Miss Clementi for kindly and successfully launching the yacht, and hoped that the vessel would come up to expectations.

Among those present at the gathering included H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, the Misses Clementi, Master Clementi, Commr. and Mrs. J. B. Newell, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, and Mr. G. Swann, of the Government Marine Surveyor's Office.

The "Britannia" is a beautiful motor yacht, with low lines and a racy appearance, fitted with a 6 cylinder engine by Messrs. Thornycroft Ltd., and built by Messrs. Ah King, the well known local motor and launch builders.

The measurements of the vessel are given as 79 ft. o.a., and it is 14 ft. wide. At the time of taking the water the vessel was incomplete, having the cabins and other minor particulars to be fixed.

Everything is hoped to be completed in about three weeks time, when the vessel will be put through her paces in a trial.

Mak Wing-sang (36), described as canteen manager on board H.M.S. "Wildswan," was sentenced by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday to five months' hard labour for the embezzlement of \$18,570, the property of C. Ah Wing and Company, manager of the "Kowloon Ferry" and Connaught-road Central.

RUBBER DEBATE.

Fixed For The 26th Instant.

MACDONALD TO LEAD.

Premier "Attracted By The Title" Of Discussion.

London, Yesterday. The rubber debate has been fixed for the 26th inst., and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is expected to lead the Opposition attack. The Premier's Sallie.

At the end of questions in the House of Commons, Mr. J. R. Clynes asked that an early date be fixed for the Opposition to debate the "Mishandling by the Government" of the rubber question. Mr. Baldwin replied that he was so attracted by the title of the discussion — (Laughter) — that he would like it as early as possible. He promised to afford an early date and said the House would not be furnished with the Rubber Committee's report, in which the Government decision had been taken, before the debate. Restriction's "Death" Approved.

London, Yesterday. Sir Eric Geddes, presiding at a meeting of Dunlops, said that in view of the termination of the restriction scheme on November 1, the company had put the estates on a fuller tapping programme. He approved of the Government's action in ending restriction.



Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

tion, but thought that the Government was wrong in ending it without fuller regard to the interests involved.

The bare seven months' notice allowed was really little if any better than none. Adequate time should have been given to manufacturers to liquidate commitments.

He nevertheless welcomed the promised death of restriction and hoped that it would never be necessitated. He anticipated a reasonable measure of stabilisation of rubber prices after the temporary dislocation had passed.

Sir Eric Geddes also stated that the settlement of the actions (mentioned yesterday) had resulted in a financial advantage to the company of £360,000.

Why Government Abandoned Restriction.

Singapore, Yesterday. Speaking at Kuala Lumpur, Mr. Ormsby Gore (Dominions Under-Secretary) said that the reason the Government decided to abandon the Rubber restriction lay in the unsatisfactory nature of the facts and figures connected with the industry.

Money and science had been lavishly expended in an attempt to defeat the policy of restriction by cheapening reclaimed rubber and the use of less real rubber.

It is inevitable when the Government tied up commerce that difficulties would arise: industry's only hope was to become more efficient.

He advised growers to give practical support to the Rubber Research Institute, and emphasised the fact that the Government had taken no decision against British interests. State action was inevitable.—Reuter.

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	a.m.	p.m.
20th	6.00	6.46
21st	5.59	6.46
22nd	5.58	6.46
23rd	5.57	6.47
24th	5.57	6.47
25th	5.56	6.47
26th	5.55	6.48
27th	5.54	6.48
28th	5.53	6.48
29th	5.52	6.49
30th	5.52	6.49

PUBLIC AUCTION.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Captain Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, April 20, 1928.

POSTPONEMENT.

IN view of the Entertainment to be given to the Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George, on MONDAY, April 23rd, (St. George's Day), THE CHEER 'O Y.M.C.A. DANCE, (at Helena May Institute) is unavoidably POSTPONED.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

THE following games will be played on SATURDAY, the 21st on the Hong Kong Football Club ground.

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CIVILIANS

THE ARMY

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- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th April, 1928.

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GERMANY'S NAVY.

DISCUSSION OVER THEIR NEW CRUISER.

A \$40,000,000 SHIP.

Once more the question whether or not Germany will be better off for the 10,000-ton armoured cruisers which she proposes to build was thrashed out in the Prussian Diet, writes the Berlin correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

It was at the instance of Prussia that the Reichstag, the Parliament of the Federal States, struck out of the Naval Estimates the first instalment for the first vessel of this type, and the Socialist Minister-President, Herr Braun, was sharply criticised for his action in the matter by a Conservative speaker. However, he apparently welcomed the opportunity to restate his opinions on the subject.

In his speech Herr Braun said that in holding the view expressed by him in committee, that Germany was under no obligation to build her fleet up to the limits set by the Versailles Treaty, he was in very good company, namely, in that of the Government of the Reich, which had decided not to make use of its right to have twelve 200-ton torpedo-boats, as it considered that such vessels were not expedient.

On the question whether it was expedient to build armoured ships of 10,000 tons, he said, the Prussian Government, with its negative attitude, was in agreement with the experts of the Naval Department. Only two years ago the Chief of the Admiralty Staff declared in the Reichstag Budget Committee that, in the opinion of the Naval Department, the building of armoured cruisers of 10,000 tons was absolutely inexpedient, as against the considerably larger armoured ships of other naval powers.

"The question now arises," said Herr Braun, "under what influence the view of the Naval Department has changed. I can answer this question to myself, and conjecture the influence which has now caused the Department suddenly to recognise the efficiency of such 10,000-ton armoured ships. But the Prussian Government is still of the same opinion which it shared with the Naval Department two years ago. Moreover, with regard to the military experts, I cannot take up the standpoint that their view must, under all circumstances, be accepted by a certain amount of piety. If during the war the civil administration had shown a little more courage towards the spirit of the military administration, whose intelligence still expresses itself in a remarkable manner in Herr Ludendorff, we should certainly have been spared much."

"A Defenceless Nation." Continuing, the Minister said that the 9,000,000 marks now asked for were not the end of the matter. The ship would cost 80,000,000 marks (\$4,000,000) before it was finished, and in the Reichstag Committee the Minister for War had stated that it was only the first of a series of four which together, according to the provisional estimates, would cost 320,000,000 marks (\$16,000,000). In view of the seriousness of the financial situation, the Prussian Government had denied the expediency and necessity of such construction at the present moment. They had also been actuated by the consideration that the Versailles Treaty allowed Germany to build only vessels which could not be regarded as effective modern weapons of warfare.

Would it not be better for them to base their foreign policy, not on such instruments of power, but as a defenceless nation, on justice and conciliation? (Storm of angry protests from the Conservatives and Stresemannites.) As for the argument that the cruiser was required for the defence of the coasts against blockade, it was remarkable that in the Reichstag the representatives of Hamburg and Luebeck, the two German States which had most reason to be anxious about a blockade, had both voted against the vessel. Then it was said that the four armoured vessels could in war-time keep open the route to East Prussia. But did they really believe that that could be effected against the most probable of their potential opponents, who had at his disposal numerous submarines? If they wanted to help East Prussia against the Slav tide which was breaking on its frontier, they must first of all reduce the economic pressure from which that frontier province was suffering.

There was an interval for dinner from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. when the third part of Mr. Bernard Shaw's play "Back to Methuselah" was given at the Royal Court Theatre, S.W., last month by the Birmingham Repertory Theatre Players. The performance began at 8 p.m.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

LATEST PROMOTIONS.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, read as follows:—

Presentation of Colours.
The Corps will parade as strong as possible in four Companies at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 6, 1928.

Attention of all is drawn to Infantry Training Vol. I. Chap. 13, Sec. 204.

Practice Parades will be held at Corps Headquarters on the following dates:—

Thursday, April 26, at 5.30 p.m. Muffi.

Thursday, May 3, at 5.30 p.m. Uniform.

Details have been circulated separately to all ranks of the Corps on April 10, 1928.

Musketry.

Sunday, April 22, 1928.
The Portuguese Company will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters on Sunday, April 22, 1928.

Range Officer: Lt. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or muffi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

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Strength.
The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

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No. 1309 Pte. N. A. E. Mackay, No. 2 Platoon, as from April 17, 1928.

Promotions and Appointments.
The following promotions and appointments take effect from April 18, 1928:—

No. 2 Platoon.
No. 1094 Lce.-Corpl. A. Urquhart, to be Corporal.

No. 757 Lce.-Corpl. W. H. Groves, to be Corporal.

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BOOK-BORROWING.

NATIONAL DAY FOR RETURN OF BOOKS.

A SUGGESTION.

An annual Book Borrowers' Day for the returning of borrowed books.

Assuredly, a most commendable suggestion; one of those transparently simple things which should have been thought of generations ago! The Hon. Secretary of the Library Association was intrigued at once by this "cri du coeur" from a Headmaster in "The Times" pleading that some such day might be instituted—perhaps the first day of Lent, the season of self-denial—not so much for the benefit of school libraries as the private lender of books who does not regularly keep a list of borrowers and, even if he does, is reluctant to remind friends of their oversight.

"I should have thought," mused the Hon. Secretary, "that school libraries could have protected themselves by insisting that the boys shall return all books on a given day for stocktaking purposes. In the public libraries we close down for a fortnight once a year, when all books must be returned. Our actual losses, I suppose, are less than 1 per cent.

"But if this national day is intended for the private individual—excellent! It would be announced in the Press. I suppose, and the consciences of borrowers would be pricked. They would say: 'Ah, yes, I must return that book to so-and-so, but not to-day—er—to-morrow,' and promptly forget about it as before!

"Or if they did return it, how do we know that the lender would be really pleased? Do we not often lend our books in the hope that they will never be returned. Might there not equally be a national day for inflicting on one's friends all the books one no longer wants to keep? You see the confusion that may follow! And what of the poor conscientious person who just has to scratch his head and say: 'Yes, I really must return that book—but who on earth did I borrow it from? Still, I agree it does seem an attractive idea.

A Patron Saint.
Good! The next step was to decide the day. The first day of Lent seemed not so bad, but could it possibly escape the ignominy of the Pun? What about a Saint's day? Was there a patron saint of Literature?

"The trouble is that there are so many," commented the philosophic Hon. Secretary. "One might choose the natal day of the Venerable Bede, which takes one back to Anglo-Saxon times. We have a charming picture of him in the Library here, reading to his pupils. The anniversary of the birth of the printing press? But who knows it? Who shall say whether it was really Caxton or the German? The birthday of Shakespeare? Yes, that might do, but why not that of Bacon, who was probably the most omnivorous reader on record? Then, in recent times, there was Edward Edwards, the founder of the pupil library, and William Ewart, the godson of Gladstone, who carried the first Public Libraries' Act about 1851. Some people, I suppose, would even suggest the anniversary of the birth or death of Thomas Hardy. Really, this little matter of the most appropriate day is terribly perplexing."

A New Year's Card.
On one thing we agreed, it could not possibly be round about Christmas or the New Year. Not only was there the congested condition of the post to consider, but—well, one of us at least remembered with bitterness of heart a recent New Year's Greeting from an Aberdonian which ran

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
SEIYO MARU (Omita Penang) Friday, 27th April.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
RAKUYO MARU Thursday, 31st May.

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HAKATA MARU Thursday, 10th May.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

PACKING CASES.

MESSRS. J. M. DA ROCHA & CO.'S DEMONSTRATION.

FIREPROOF & WATERPROOF.

Shipping experts and merchants in the Colony were largely interested in a demonstration by Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co. yesterday, the subject matter being some fibre packing cases guaranteed to be fireproof and waterproof.

Two packages with identical contents were thrown out of a third floor window into the street. The wood case of one was smashed while the fibre packed case sustained very little or no damage.

The packing, which to a layman seemed like ordinary collapsible cardboard, is made in America and Messrs. da Rocha & Co. are the local agents.

When first brought out, its use was opposed by the Trans-Pacific Freight Bureau, Hong Kong. Fire-cracker shipments on the "Takaoka Maru" and the "Taiyo Maru" were camouflaged with matting covers and, when examined by experts in San Francisco, were found to have filled all requirements.

Experts Present.

Those who attended the demonstration yesterday were Mr. J. Oram Sheppard of Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., secretary of the Trans-Pacific Freight Bureau; Mr. L. E. N. Ryan, agent, Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.; Mr. T. B. Wilson, general agent, Dollar Steamship Line and Admiral Oriental Line; Mr. H. Uyemura, sub-manager, Nippon Yusen Kaisha; Mr. T. Hirose, assistant manager, Osaka Shosen Kaisha; Mr. J. B. Lanyon and Mr. Mackintosh, Blue Funnel Line; Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank; and Mr. Mancarini, a retired Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs.

The position now is that the local shipping authorities have sanctioned use of this type of packing.

It is claimed that use of the packing, as against ordinary wood casing, results in saving in tare of two-thirds and American import duty on firecrackers, imported largely from Hong Kong, is 8 cents (gold) per lb., assessed on gross weight—that the packing measures less in freight; and that it is more durable and economical as it can be used again and again.

HOULDER LINER.

SALE OF A SPANISH TRAMP.

THE "HORNBY GRANGE."

The sale of the Spanish tramp steamer "Augustina Formosa" to the scrappers does not appear to be a very interesting news item, but when she is looked up in the registry, and it transpires that she was built as the "Hornby Grange" in 1890 it is another matter, for she was the pioneer steamship of the line, and opened the frozen meat trade between the Thames and the River Plate that has since attained such gigantic proportions. She was very different from the normal appearance of the Houder ships when she first came out, for she had two funnels and two masts, the foremost being heavily square-rigged. Until then the firm had owned sailing ships only, fine powerful vessels, but when they determined to go in for steam tonnage they experimented on a small scale first. The "Hornby Grange," built by Wigham Richardson and Co. on the Tyne, had a gross tonnage of 2,355 tons only, and although she had accommodation aft for a few passengers she was primarily a carrier of frozen meat, and her speed of a comfortable ten knots at sea was regarded as being quite sufficient for that service. As their tonnage improved the Houder Line placed the old "Hornby Grange" on the various subsidiary services, but when war broke out she soon proved herself useful, and was employed for the greater part of her time carrying frozen meat from the United Kingdom to France. During this work she was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine in the Channel, and after the Armistice it was decided that she was in need of so much reconditioning that her owners sold her to a Valencia firm, who employed her on the South American meat trade with Spain. When the slump came she was laid up at Valencia, and in 1925 her refrigerating apparatus was taken out of her. At that time it was believed that she would go to the scrappers, but the deal fell through, and she remained laid up until last year, when she finally found her last berth in Barcelona.

RAILWAY STEAMERS.

PACKET LINE PROFITS.

The very detailed accounts that have been published by the London and North Eastern Railway concerning their harbour and steamship undertakings make very interesting reading. The former figures are rather depressing to some, but after all the harbour undertakings of a railway are only an auxiliary to their main trade, and the profits made do not count for much. The smaller they are, the better bargain the shipowner feels that he is obtaining when he pays his harbour dues. But it is the working of the packet steamship line that offers the greatest interest, especially when the detailed figures between 1923 and 1927 are published alongside one another. The railway grouping scheme has undoubtedly proved very advantageous from the steamship point of view, both as regards receipts and the ratio of operating expenses and money taken. In 1923 the gross receipts were rather more than £350,000, and the expenses swallowed up 91.61 per cent. of them, but last year the receipts were comfortably over a million and the expenses were down to 80.68 per cent. This is partly accounted for by the elimination of wasteful competition between the various railway services on the East Coast and partly because of the move of the Zeeland Steamship service from Folkestone to Harwich. In addition the company has shown great enterprise in opening up new Continental services which contrive comfortable hours of departure and arrival, provide excellent sleeping accommodation in its ships, and has won an excellent reputation for the courtesy of its staff and the smooth running of its organisation.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benmacduh" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 21. Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Bombay" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 22.

H.M.S. "BERWICK."

DUE TO ARRIVE HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

"COUNTY" CRUISER.

H.M.S. "Berwick," the second of the new County Class cruisers which are being attached to the China Station, is due to arrive in Hong Kong at 4.30 p.m. to-day. She is relieving H.M.S. "Durban," which is leaving the China Station early next month for the West Indies Station; via the Panama Canal.

The "Berwick," which will go to Buoy 6, is a sister ship to H.M.S. "Cumberland," which recently arrived and, whilst like the latter, has not perhaps the graceful lines of the lighter cruisers, but gives a sense of fighting capacity which is borne out by her equipment and capabilities. H.M.S. "Kent," another cruiser of the same type, is due in Hong Kong later in the year when she will relieve H.M.S. "Hawkins" as flagship of the China Station. The "Berwick" carries eight 8-ins. guns with four 4-ins. anti-aircraft guns and twenty smaller weapons. Her horse power is 80,000 and her speed 31½ knots.

CANTON RIVER.

MARTIAL LAW RESTRICTION SUSPENDED.

The Canton Naval Authorities have ordered the Nationalist gunboats lying at Boca Tigris and Whampoa to suspend martial law declared a week ago by order of the Naval Department, coincident with strict measures by the military and police authorities in Canton city to provide against the rioting by rebels.

Incoming and outgoing steamers which were not permitted to pass the martial law area at night, have been able to run after dark again, says the "Gazette."

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Hatipara" left Singapore for this port on April 16 a.m., and is due here on April 22 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benroech" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on April 25.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co. M.V. "Rankine" left Hamburg on April 14 and is due here on or about May 25.

The M.V. "Remo" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on March 26 and is due here on April 26.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on April 18 at 3 p.m., left Yokohama yesterday at noon, and is due at Hong Kong on April 26 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on April 27 at 5 p.m.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 17, and is due in Manila on April 30. The s.s. "Kendal Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 6, and is due here on May 7.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning: North Wall, Verity and Wishart; South Wall, Bruce, Faulkner and Somme; East Wall, Moth, Nessus, Cleala and L3 and L27; North Arm, Titania, Marazion and Belgol; West Wall Dock, Petersfield, Durban and Wild Swan; In Dock, Subs. L15, L19, L20 and L33; Buoy 6, Berwick, Buoy 8, Wolverine and Veteran; Buoy 9, Foxglove; Buoy 11, Witherington; Buoy 12, Iroquois; Buoy 13, Wanderer; Buoy 18, Ruthenia; Buoy 25, Khark; Kowloon Anchorage, France and Fortol; Other warships, Patria (Portuguese) and Argus (French).

CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC. TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.

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STEAMERS	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Kobe	Yokohama	Vancouver
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 9	June 2	June 5	June 7	June 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 13	June 16	June 19	June 21	June 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 4	July 7	July 10	July 12	July 21
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 4
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 15
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
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LAPLATA MARU Friday, 27th April.

SANTOS MARU Friday, 25th May.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang) Thursday, 19th April.

HONOLULU MARU Friday, 4th May.

SUMATRA MARU (Calls at Penang) Saturday, 10th May.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND

MOBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 2nd May.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Friday, 27th April.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.

LONDON MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 30th April.

ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Thursday, 10th May.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAGUE MARU Thursday, 20th April.

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TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY

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MAIWA	10,950	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MAIWA	5,273	31st May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
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DELTA	5,097	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
MIRZAPUR	5,715	19th June	Straits & Bombay.
KANPURA	16,401	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NOVARA	6,989	30th June	Marseilles, London & Hull.
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NANKIN	7,038	28th July	Marseilles & London.
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ture in response to the request of
the latter for a survey to deter-
mine the need, financial require-
ments and most favourable loca-
tion for such a dry dock in the
port (according to New York ad-
vices). The cost of a dock of the
proposed dimensions is estimated
at from \$2,000,000 to \$2,400,000,
depending upon the type of struc-
ture, the nature of the foundation,
local conditions and amount of
dredging.

It is suggested that the con-
struction of the dock should be
financed with public funds, but
that the operating arrangements
should be such as to prevent com-
petition with private enterprise.
As already stated, doubt is
expressed as to whether such a dock could be
made commercially successful,
and it is suggested that the com-
pleted structure might be leased
to a ship-repairing company or
that it be built in a neutral loca-
tion and made available for all
ship-repairing companies in the
port.

The necessity for the addition
of this facility to the other con-
veniences of the port, it is stated,
has been established beyond ques-
tion by the survey. "As a mat-
ter of port policy," the report
adds, "if for no other reason, the
greatest port in the United States
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adequate drydock facilities to
take care of it. The ports of Bos-
ton, Philadelphia, and Norfolk,
although rarely ports of call for
the larger ships, nevertheless
have drydock facilities of ample
capacity for all existing vessels."

As to manner of financing and
operation of the dock, the report
says:-

"There would seem to be no
reason of policy why a large dry-
dock should not be built with pub-
lic funds and operated as a public
utility if it have only the neces-
sary equipment for docking ships.
Inspection and surveys can then
be made and competitive bids sub-
mitted for painting and repairs
by all local shipyards. This, in
general, is the practice at the
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cisco and at the Commonwealth
Dock in Boston. If this policy is
adopted a large drydock would
need only the necessary facilities
and equipment for unwatering
and shoring a ship."

"If ship facilities are provided
at a public drydock they will
either have to be operated by
forces employed by the public
agency operating the dock itself,
which procedure would be ineffi-
cient in view of the infrequent de-
mand for such services, or the
ship facilities would have to be
leased to local repair men when-
ever a repair job is presented."

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Tsai via Swatow & Shanghai	YATSHING	Wed., 2nd May at Noon
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Fri., 27th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Tues., 1st May at 7 a.m.
Canton	HANGSANG	Sun., 22nd Apr. at 8 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Sat., 21st Apr. at 3 p.m.
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It is believed, the report con-
tinues, that guarantees or sub-
sidies might be paid by steamship
companies to the annual cost of a
large drydock, and that the Navy
Department or the United States
Shipping Board, or both, might
agree to do the same thing.

Foreign Companies' Desire.
"The representatives of all of
the foreign lines operating the
largest ships," it is added, "have
expressed a desire for drydock
in this port capable of taking their
vessels, but have admitted that
they would probably use it only in
emergencies. There was some in-
dication that because of this great
need it might be reasonable to re-
quest these lines to contribute an-
nual payments to ensure having
such an emergency facility avail-
able, but no commitments were
made and this matter would re-
quire negotiation."

It was estimated that an ade-
quate investigation of all phases
of the question, including the
making of subaqueous borings,
preparations of plans and esti-
mates for different types of docks,
the analyses of costs of operation
and maintenance, and sources and
amounts of potential revenue
would require at least eight
months, and would cost about
\$10,000.

The Port Authority, it is pointed
out, has no funds available for
such work at present, but will be
glad to undertake the investiga-
tion if funds are appropriated by
either or both of the States. It is
shown that there are 15 large
vessels entering the port, with
more planned or under construc-
tion, which cannot be drydocked
at existing commercial facilities.

In discussing location, it was
set forth that a large drydock
should be located reasonably near
the usual berths of the largest
vessels in the Hudson River, and
that channel, too, storm and tide
conditions were important fea-
tures, along with convenience to
railway, highways and public
utility connections, and nearness
to a normal labour supply.

As to the type of dock, it is
stated that graving docks are pre-
ferred by the majority of steam-
ship operators. In reference to
locations, the report points out
that the west waterfront of Man-
hattan is too expensive, and has
insufficient depth of land inside of
the bulkhead line for such a
structure without closing city
streets. The East River is declar-
ed to be out of the question be-
cause of its bridges, tidal cur-
rents, narrowness, insufficient
depth of channels, and high cost
of land.

The Brooklyn waterfront,
Raritan Bay, lower New York
Bay, Kill van Kull, Newark Bay
and Arthur Kills are all declared
to be undesirable as locations, be-
cause of various adverse condi-
tions. The most favourable loca-
tions are declared to be along the
western side of the Hudson River,
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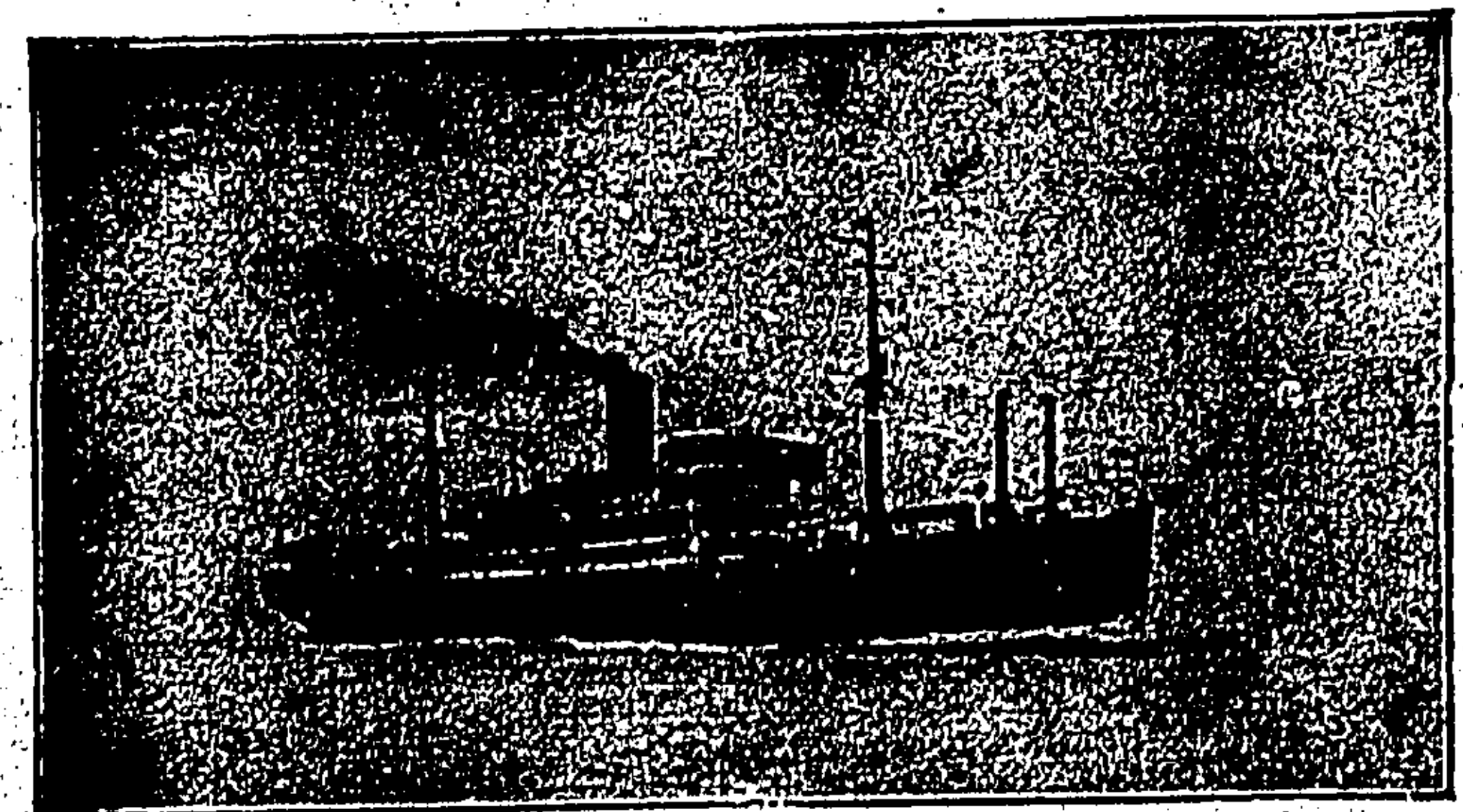
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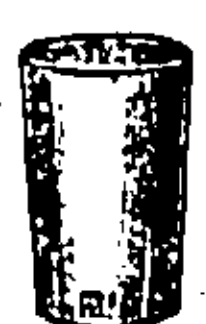
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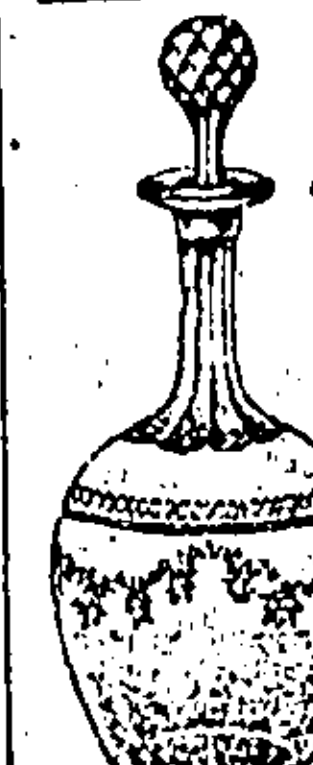


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KOWLOON'S PROBLEMS.

Satisfaction is derived from the replies given by the Govern-
ment in the Legislative Council
yesterday to the questions asked
by the senior unofficial member,
the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.,
regarding some of Kowloon's
major problems. One thing
which stands out prominently is
the lack of evasion usually asso-
ciated with official replies to
queries. The Council is such that
except for announcements by
Government spokesmen on
urgent topics—coming mostly in
the nature of surprises—and the
Budget figures, its deliberations
concern routine matters which
have little interest for the man
in the street. The answers given
to Sir Henry Pollock are singu-
larly clear. For instance, we are told
that H.E. the Governor proposes
to discuss the composition of the
Legislative Council with the
Secretary of State for the
Colonies during his approaching
visit to England. It is to be noted
that Sir Henry made specific re-
ference to amendment of the con-
stitution to permit Kowloon's re-
presentation. We cannot say that
the local Government has express-
ed approval of the request for a
member for Kowloon. Begun a
few years ago, this movement has
gained much support. Now, hope
is forthcoming from H.E. the
Governor's attitude. At this
stage it is unwise to place too
much confidence on the result of
the proposed conference, but the
very fact that His Excellency is
up with the Secretary of State is

encouraging. At least we read
into the reply an indication that
the proposed Kowloon representa-
tion has received sympathetic
consideration. Even by itself the
statement that there is to be dis-
cussion tends to show that the
necessity for reform is to some
degree admitted.

Sir Cecil Clementi has been em-
phatic in public utterances on the
growing importance of Kowloon.
Kowloon's rapid development is
the main argument for its legisla-
tive aspirations. Acknowledg-
ment of its needs will signalise a
new epoch in the history of local
government. And that is why the
replies (published in yesterday's
issue) were eagerly awaited by
residents of all classes. The only
way in which unofficial members
can readily bring up urgent prob-
lems is by tabulating questions
in Council. Those that have
been answered have attracted very
wide interest. There were subjects
in which the Government's attitude
is one of concession to the public.
Half a loaf is better than no
bread, the old saying goes, and
we are thankful for minor bene-
fits, bearing in mind the necessity
of conserving resources at a critical
stage in the Colony's finances.

With regard to the Jordan-
road vehicular and passenger
ferry pier, it is gratifying to note
that the scheme is not to be
shelved. We observe with plea-
sure that plans have been laid
down for the "Star" Ferry ap-
proach area, with its narrow
bottle neck. Recently, the goods
train-lines from the Railway sta-
tion to the Kowloon godowns
have, literally, receded into the
background; but we trust that
they have not been lost sight of.
Possible misconception about
Kowloon Tong's water supply has
been removed; it is for the Estate
Company to negotiate with the
Government. The Government's
reply to the query on children's
playgrounds may not meet with
general approval. A small area
at the junction of Salisbury and
Middle-roads can be reserved but
the Government does not say that
it will be reserved. And Kow-
loon residents are unlikely to con-
cur with the official view that no
undeveloped area adjoining
Nathan-road or a really perman-
ent reservation in Tsim-sha-tui
is suitable for children's play-
grounds.

There were several questions
and answers which did not con-
cern Kowloon. Cheung Sha Bay
does interest Kowloonites, how-
ever, and the Government's re-
sponse to the query on the Bay
was postulated.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall
was postulated.

Bay. In spite of the Bathing
Beaches Commission's recom-
mendation, the Government does
not see fit to earmark the seven
or eight thousand dollars for
swimming facilities there. No-
thing can be done at Stanley. The
absence of public bathing match-
sheds there will only be regretted
by those who have private means
of transport. A very few cubicles
are being put up at Repulse Bay
—not enough to satisfy the pub-
lic, we are afraid, but a beginning
nevertheless. With the Govern-
ment's announcement that it is
prepared to grant a suitable site
should the Sir Paul Chater
memorial committee desire it, we
voice the opinion of all that such
is due to a great pioneer whose
name will always be more than a
memory.

Prison Building.

Good reasons, economical and
otherwise, must exist for the Gov-
ernment's decision to abandon
Ngau-shi-wan and to investigate
other possible areas on which to
build a new prison. That a new
building is to be erected, and will
have to be erected, is indicated by
the official replies in the Legisla-
tive Council to the Hon. Mr. J.
Owen Hughes and the simultaneous
publication yesterday of the 1927
report of the Superintendent of
Prisons. A large sum was spent
on pile-driving and other work on
the Ngau-shi-wan site; but the
site will be required for the air-
port at Kowloon Bay as these two
are next to each other. The
Government experts, we feel cer-
tain, must have taken everything
into consideration and, primarily,
the financial aspect. To a layman,
it seems rather a pity that the
Ngau-shi-wan site is not to be
utilised for its original purpose
after the time and money spent on
it. It is assumed, therefore, that
the original outlay will not be
wasted through conversion into a
part of the air port. The Govern-
ment's information and attitude, as
jointly set out in the replies and
report referred to, leave no room
for doubt. A new prison should be
built as soon as possible. There
have been one or two instances of
escapees from Victoria Gaol due,
ostensibly, to overcrowding during
repairs, and such a state of affairs
must be rectified without unrea-
sonable delay, even if it is necessary
to dig rather deeply into the
Colony's exchequer to do so.

IS IT ADEQUATE?

PUBLIC REPULSE BAY CUBICLES.

COUNCIL REPLIES.

After the answers to Sir Henry
Pollock's questions has been
given at yesterday's meeting of
the Legislative Council, (these
appeared in yesterday's issue of
the "China Mail"), Sir Henry
gave notice of a supplementary
question as follows:—
"Are the proposed public bath-
ing facilities referred to in an-
swer to Question 4 (1) considered
by the Government to be adequate
bathing facilities for the use of
the public?"
H.E. the Governor: I think
that will have to stand over for
answer at the next meeting of
Council.
(The facilities referred to are
the contemplated provision of 15
public cubicles at Repulse Bay—
10 for men and 5 for women—to
be equipped with fresh water
showers, water stand pipes, etc.)

CHINESE TEMPLES.

NEW BILL'S 2ND READING POSTPONED.

MONASTERIES' PETITION.

Sir Shou-son Chow was to
have moved, at yesterday's meet-
ing of the Legislative Council, the
Second Reading of the Bill to
suppress and prevent abuses in
the management of Chinese tem-
ples and in the administration of
the funds of Chinese temples.
On rising, Sir Shou-son Chow
said that he and his colleague re-
presenting the Chinese on the
Council, and received a petition
from twenty-two keepers of the
"To Yuen"—which meant the
"tourist"—Monasteries, claiming
that the Bill, if passed, would ad-
versely affect them. In order
that the matter should be given
more careful consideration, he
moved that the Second Reading
be postponed.

THE "RETURNED."

WHAT THEY CAN DO FOR CHINA.

A LOCAL GATHERING.

The potentialities of the Union
for creating and perpetuating in-
ternational goodwill were stressed
at the first re-union at the Hong
Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday
of the Hong Kong returned Stu-
dents' Association.

It was indicated by the Hon.
Secretary, Mr. Y. H. Tso, that the
present membership was 90, of
whom six were ladies. Of this
total, 29 men and two women were
classified under the heading of Brit-
ish, two men under that of French,
and 52 men and 4 women under
that of American, according to the
countries of their sojourn. Twenty-
one were engaged in Sciences and
Engineering, 8 in Arts, 6 in Law,
10 in Medicine, and 23 in Com-
merce and Economics. It was
shown that for the study of medi-
cine and engineering, most of the
students went to Britain, and that
for economics and commerce, they
proceeded to America.

International Friendship.

Speaking on the aims of the
Union, the Secretary referred to
its possibilities in promoting inter-
national good fellowship and the
provision of such facilities in the
matter of information as would be
useful for mutual comparison and
for the benefit of the new student
going abroad. It was the intention
to compile a directory of all the
members and to establish an in-
formation bureau. The Union
would have an established read-
quarters together with facilities
for recreation in the coming warm
season.

The President, Mr. K. L. Chau,
also addressed the gathering and
emphasised that the Union's great-
est task was the creation and per-
petuation of international goodwill.
The returned student was an am-
bassador to the East as well as to
the West and by interpreting the
West to the East on their return
they could do much, as they had
in interpreting the East to the
West during their sojourn abroad,
in bridging the yawning gulf be-
tween the two.

Men of Vision Needed.

Speaking on the need of China
for men of vision and a true and
unselfish outlook, the President
said that their prayer was that
they might live to see distracted
China united and her people free
and prosperous. It was their con-
viction that these great conse-
quences could only be brought
about by the energy and devotion
of her students.

During the course of the even-
ing, tea was served and dancing
indulged in.

MR. J. BLYTH.

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY.

The funeral took place at the
Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley,
yesterday of Mr. J. Blyth,
formerly in the service of
the Kowloon-Canton Railway. The
Rev. S. L. L. Webb, Senior Chaplain
to the Forces, officiated.

The chief mourners were the
widow, three daughters and four
sons. Among others present were
Mr. R. Baker (representing Kow-
loon-Canton Railway), Messrs. A.
W. Grimmett and C. E. Frith (re-
presenting R.M. Old Comrades' As-
sociation), Messrs. G. A. Walker,
J. Smith, F. Winyard, A. McCallum,
R. Shannon, W. Cuff, H. Griffin, and
representatives of Police and Pri-
son staffs from Lai-chikok Gaol. A
number of the members of the
K.C.R. Chinese staff were also pre-
sent.

Among the floral tributes were
wreaths from Loving wife, Rose;
(sons and daughters), William
Annie, and Fanny; Sarah and
Frank; Baby; Sister Alice and
family; Alice and Jimmy; Mother,
Jack, Harry, Baby, Sarah, Fanny,
Alice, Lizzy and Bobby; Drawing
Office Staff, Kowloon-Canton Rail-
way; E. W. W. Staff; Manager and
Staff, Kowloon-Canton Railway;
Royal Marines Old Comrades' As-
sociation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hoare, Messrs.
Bevan, Roylance, Bander, Lambert,
Winyard, Becker, J. Smith, J. P.
Robinson, R. Baker, Beattie, C. F.
Arts, W. E. Hollands.

Messrs. R. H. Charles, I. B.
Trevor, A. McCallum, G. B. Grob,
W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, H. W.
Hammond, G. A. Walker, W. S.
Cuff, Inspectors Moss and Brown,
Sergeant Mair, Old Friends from
Central Police Station and Ah
Cheong.

Ada H. Jackson, a postwoman,
was fined \$20 at Ripley, Derby-
shire, for stealing Treasury notes
and postal orders.

Accidental Death was the ver-
dict at an inquest on William Pate,
a labourer, who died from cerebral
hemorrhage after a football match
in Newcastle in which he collided
with another player, when both
were attempting to head the ball.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Through an error in the prison
book-keeping a convict was kept in
prison a week beyond his sentence.
"I'm sorry," said the governor
on the day of his release. "It's
too bad you had to stay here a week
longer than was necessary."
"Oh, that's all right," replied
the convict, "knock it off next
time!"

The prospective maid-of-all-work,
recently engaged from the bureau,
was stating her terms to Mrs.
Newlywed, her new employer.

"You understand," she said, "I
want two pounds a week, paid in
advance, and I don't scrub floors,
nor—"

"But—" began the mistress of
the house feebly.

"Or work after six," continued
the domestic mercifully. "And I
want every evening off; also a
nice room to myself; and a good
reference."

"Surely the reference can wait
until you leave us?" interposed
the mistress nervously.

"No, thank you. You can just
as well give me the letter straight
away," was the reply. "I've tried
getting them when I leave, and I've
never got a good one yet."

Susan had been with the family
over 20 years. She ran the house
and the family too. One day her
mistress ventured to remonstrate
with her.

"Well, mum," replied Susan,
"you will please to take a month's
notice from me. I always felt
from the first that I shouldn't wait
you!"

As father came through the front
door, in the back
Walked his daughter, Matilda;
they'd both got the sack.

(To more unemployment's vast
figures to swell).

Said dad, "I've been paid off as
things are so slack."

"Me, too," said Matilda, the
typist—Alack!

"Like you, I am workless all
through 'a bad spell'!"

A well-known actor was taken by
a friend to Soho, to try one of the
cheap dinners there, and the friend
praised almost unceasingly the
particular restaurant he chose.

They went through the set
courses, the portions being un-
usually meagre, and when they had
finished, the friend leaned back in
his chair.

"Well," he said, "how's that for a
dinner?"

"Quite good," said the hungry
actor, his eye on the menu. "Quite
good. Er—have one with me!"

"Have you ever told a lie,
mamma?"

"I am afraid I have, Arthur."

"Has papa ever told a lie?"

"I expect he has."

"Did Aunt Mary ever tell a lie?"

"Why, Arthur, do you ask such
questions?"

"Oh, I was only thinking how
lonely George Washington and I
would be in heaven."

Willie was fishing.

"Willie!"

It was his mother's voice, but he
was sheltered from the house by
trees, and she could not possibly see
him. So Willie went on fishing.

"Willie!"

Still Willie went on fishing.

Willie began re-baiting his hook
as his friend Bert approached.

"Don't you hear your mother
callin' you?" said Bert. "That's
three times she's shouted. 'Aren't
you going in?'"

"No," responded Willie imper-
turbably.

"Won't she whip you?" asked
his friend.

"No," repeated Willie disad-
vantagefully. "She ain't going to whip
nobody. She's got company, so
when I go in she'll just say: 'The
poor little fellow's been so deaf
since he was ill!'"

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China
Mail" appear half a dozen questions
of a general nature, for which
acknowledgment is due to the
"Daily Sketch." Answers will be
found on page 9 of this issue.

1. What neroli is?
2. Which of our silver coins has
the largest circulation?
3. The name of the king of the
fairies?
4. What the first eight lines of
a sonnet are called?
5. How much a fluid ounce is?
6. Where, perhaps, first came
from?

IN SHANTUNG.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Northern Claims.
The "Kung Sheng Yat Po" reports that the Northerners have progressed on the Shansi-Chihli front. Here the Northerners are said to have advanced from a point south of Tsingling (on the Chengling-Taiyuan Railway) and to have entered Shansi by way of Kai-lung-kwan Pass. Shansi is governed by General Yen Hsi-shan, an ally of the Nationalists. Reliable foreign sources (quoted by Reuters) give an example of the sanguinary fighting in the south of Shantung. This has no connection with the Northern debacle referred to above. It concerns the opening of the Nationalist drive last week when they took Lincheng, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. This sector is east of the area in which the Northerners were surrounded. The Nationalists are stated in 36 hours' fighting before they took Lincheng, to have lost 20,000 men (of whom 2,500 were killed) a general and three colonels.

JAPAN'S ALARM.

Troops to Protect Nationals in Shantung.

According to the "Kung Sheng Yat Po," the Japanese authorities have decided, in view of the war in Shantung province, as follows:

- 1.—If the Nationalists reach Tsinanfu, the Tsinan-Tsingtao Railway, (reaching the coast) will be guarded by troops from Tientsin.
 - 2.—If this Railway is cut, troops will be sent from Port Arthur to Tsingtao.
 - 3.—If disturbances extend, troops will be sent from Japan.
- Lives and Property.**
In this connection Reuters reports from Tokyo as follows:—
In view of the increasing seriousness of the situation in Shantung, the Cabinet has decided to dispatch three companies from Tientsin to Tsinanfu and a mixed brigade of 5,000 from Kumamoto. They are also sending a telegraph company and a railway detachment to Tsingtao for the purpose of protecting Japanese lives and property.

Strict Neutrality.
Owing to the preparations entailed, the troops from Japan will not be leaving till April 23 though the troops from Tientsin are expected to reach Tsinanfu on April 21.
The Government is issuing a formal statement to-morrow, explaining the reasons for the despatch of troops to Shantung. The statement is practically the same as last June's, emphasising purely the protection of Japanese lives and property. Strict neutrality will be observed.

COMDR. DANIEL.

DECIDES TO RETIRE FROM NAVY.

London, To-day.
Commander Daniel has decided to leave the Navy and seek civil employment as he is convinced that the result of the Court Martial sentence he has no prospect of advancement in the service.
Daniel, who is aged 39, has served 25 years, and has a brilliant record.

The "Daily Chronicle," in a leader, on the subject, says the ground of Daniel's decision shows that Mr. Bridgeman in his statement misled the Commons and said that it is difficult to acquit Mr. Bridgeman of a serious lack of frankness. The matter, the "Chronicle" says should be raised further.—Reuters.

FEDERAL BANKS.

RE-DISCOUNT RATE ALTERED 4½ PER CENT.

New York, Yesterday.
The Federal Reserve Bank's Boston and Chicago branches have established the re-discount rate at 4½ per cent.—Reuters' American Service.

YOUNG CHINESE.

A young Chinese named Cheng Tse-lam, an employee of the Wing On Company, who was arrested by the police yesterday afternoon, was this morning produced before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy charged that he had feloniously and with intent to defraud obtain certain sums of money totalling \$478.27 by virtue of forged vouchers, knowing them to be forged.

The frauds which covered a period from January 30 to April 15, 1928, formed the subjects of seven separate charges against the accused who pleaded guilty on all counts.

The Magistrate passed sentence of one month's hard labour on each of the seven charges, the sentences to run consecutively.

BIG DOPE HAUL.

CAPTURE VALUED AT \$815,000.

ON BLUE FUNNEL BOAT.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Opium Monoplist and Analyst, visited the Blue Funnel s.s. "Laomedon" soon after her arrival in port on Tuesday, and as the result of information received seized 1,750 ounces of heroin and 288 ounces of morphia in one of 12 cases of goods forming part of a consignment which was described in the ship's manifest as medicine and perfumes, shipped in Europe and destined for Shanghai.

The seizure, which was one of the biggest made in Hong Kong since the time Statnigross and Mrs. Kamin were arrested last year, had its sequel in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. G. R. Sayer, Superintendent of Imports and Exports made an application for the confiscation of the drugs which are valued at \$815,000, reckoning on the traffickers' price of \$400 per ounce, as brought out in the recent Christie-Bloom case.

Mr. Lindsell made the confiscation order.

"DESERT SONG."

NOT TO BE PRODUCED IN PARIS.

Paris.—It is understood that the French Government has banned the production in France of "The Desert Song," the American musical comedy now running at Drury-lane Theatre, London.

The French rights of "The Desert Song" were brought by the Isola brothers, and they intended to produce this play when "Rose Marie" came to an end, but owing to the bad same firm have bought "Hit the Deck," which will be their next production at the Theatre Mogador.

Successes.

The Isola brothers are the oldest firm of theatrical producers in France. At present they own the Theatre Mogador and rent the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre, and also run a music hall. The Theatre Mogador was built by Sir Alfred Butt as a revue house. It then passed through a series of managements, and lastly Messrs. Isola produced "No, No, Nanette," which was a tremendous success.
A year ago "Rose Marie" was produced, and this play is also a very great hit. Preparations were being made for "The Desert Song" in the autumn, when the French Government put down a ban.

No official reasons are given for the steps taken, but it is generally believed that the French Government fears that scenes in "The Desert Song" which show the Rifis—a martial tribe of Arab warriors who have given the French so much trouble—would not exhibit French administration in the best light.

The hero of the musical comedy is, of course, a young Frenchman, the son of a general, who helped the Rifis against the French army.

TRANSPORT.

SIR R. BUCHANAN'S CRITICISM.

London.—Remove Australian transport from the mischievous interference of politicians and give able and patriotic Australians a free hand to administer and develop it, is the final suggestion made by Sir Robert Buchanan, in an article in the "National Review."

He emphasises his belief that the roads, railways, and especially the ports of Australia are below the standard of progressive countries, and that the handing over of a portion of the port revenues to the State Treasuries and also the fact that ports are developed in unsuitable positions, and five natural harbours are neglected, make understandable the high freights.

"I have no brief for shipowners," he writes, "but clearly if unnecessary charges could be abolished this move would make towards the lowering of freights."

CARACAS DISORDERS

MANY CASUALTIES.

Lima, (Peru).—"La Prensa," the official newspaper of the Peruvian Government, prints a report from Caracas (Venezuela) asserting that many persons were killed and injured in recent disorders there. Two hundred students are in prison.

There is great excitement in Caracas and La Guayra. The banks are closed and trade is paralysed. Although there has not been a revolutionary plot, many politicians have been committed to prison.

AMAZING DRAMA.

PLOT IN A BERLIN FLAT.

REVELATIONS AT TRIAL.

Berlin.—A schoolboy tragedy of the most complicated character came up for unravelling by the Berlin Courts, and is throwing startling light upon the post-war mentality of the middle-class urban youth of this country.

On the morning of June 28 last the police were called to a flat in the Berlin suburb of Steglitz, and found there in one of the bedrooms the dead bodies of two youths, Hans Stephan and Paul Scheller, who had been shot with a revolver. Of three other persons present in the flat at the time, Scheller's sister, Hildegard, and another youth, named Paul Krantz, were arrested. The girl was soon released, and Krantz alone was placed in the dock to answer the charge of murder.

It is not, however, suggested by the prosecution that he actually fired the fatal shots. Investigation has convinced the police that Scheller first shot Stephan and then committed suicide. Nevertheless, there is evidence to show that he did so in execution of a plan arranged between him and Krantz, by which the four chief actors in the extraordinary schoolboy drama, all of whom were between 16 and 19 years of age, were either to be killed or to commit suicide. Moreover, there are reasons for believing that he was much stronger in will and bolder in initiative than Scheller, and, therefore, the prosecution holds him chiefly responsible for the crime which resulted from their joint design.

Early Morning Tragedy.

After realising that Scheller had carried out his share of their common undertaking, Krantz made some show of shooting himself but he allowed the weapon to be taken out of his hand by the girl Hildegard. She, too, was to have been included in the sacrifice, and apparently escaped only through the stupefaction caused in the minds of the juvenile murderers by a consciousness of the consequences of their acts.

The tragedy took place in the early morning, following a carousal in which Hildegard's girl friend, Elinor Rattli, also shared. The flat belonged to Scheller's parents. At the time of the tragedy the father, who is a merchant, was abroad on business, and the mother, with a servant, was spending a few days in their week-end country cottage.

Strange as are the circumstances of the actual crime, they are not so extraordinary as the moral background on which they were enacted, and the motives which inspired them. It is inferred by the prosecution that the murder of Stephan was a double act of jealousy. Krantz had been Hildegard's sweetheart, but he had arrived at the house in Steglitz on the previous evening to find that she had made an assignment with Stephan, with whom she spent the greater part of the night in the bed-room of the Scheller parents. On the other hand, Scheller had quarrelled bitterly with Stephan over a man friend, a good deal older, and in better material circumstances than either of them, who had been in the habit of taking them for long tours in his car.

"A Vengeance Club."

Alcohol and provocative events appear merely to have brought to a head proposals long ago discussed and formulated. Some, at any rate, of the actors in the drama seem to have belonged to a juvenile club, the statutes of which strictly enjoined "all members who are deceived by their men or women friends must avenge themselves on their rivals."

Krantz might have escaped indictment had he not, some weeks before the tragedy, foreshadowed it in a poem entitled "Murder," and also, at a later date, written letters of similar contents to friends and to the Press. Nor would the background of the drama be complete without mention of the passionate poems which Hildegard addressed to Krantz, and which are said to prove that it was she who brought about the intimacy of their relations.

The unusual interest taken in the case is shown by the rush of the public to the court house and the great length of the reports in the Press. Practically the whole of the day's sitting was occupied by the examination of Krantz, a pale-faced, commonplace-looking youth, whose chief reading while awaiting trial is said to have been Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, and Dostoevsky. From his statements it appeared that in the circle of his boy and girl friends something very closely approximating to promiscuity existed. When he was asked by the Bench whether Guenther Scheller did not feel it his duty to adopt towards his sister, three years younger than himself, the post-

SINGER'S MASCOT.

QUEER RECEPTION OF MONKEYS.

"BENEVOLENT INFLUENCE."

As a result of his advertisement in the "Daily Mail" Mr. Tito Schipa, the Italian tenor, who gave concerts at the Royal Albert Hall and the May Fair Hotel, W., held a reception of marmoset monkeys at the Savoy Hotel.

Mr. Schipa has great faith in the benevolent influence of monkeys and feared the worst when he was prevented by quarantine regulations from bringing his own pet, Toto, into the country from Paris.

He was overwhelmed by the result of the "Daily Mail" advertisement. Before he had dressed he had half a dozen monkeys to choose from. The very first one he saw proved to be an ideal music lover. It was a perky little creature, no larger than a man's hand, called Mickey, belonging to Miss Iris Evans, daughter of Dr. A. D. Evans, of Upper Whimpoles-street, W.

Mickey's Delight.

Mr. Schipa held Mickey close to his breast and sang a few lines. Mickey sat entranced for a few moments, then, nestling down, fell asleep.

Mr. Schipa was enraptured. "She is wonderful!" he exclaimed. "She will keep up my good luck."

To a "Daily Mail" reporter he said:

I never sing without my monkey. It has been my mascot. When I was told I could not bring Toto to London I was in despair. I cannot sing without my mascot. They my friends here tell me that I shall get anything I want through the "Daily Mail." It is wonderful.

Pleasant Singer.

Mr. Schipa, who gave a concert at Queen's Hall last year, was warmly welcomed at the Albert Hall. He is not a great singer, but at his best a very pleasant one.

He excelled in some light Italian and Spanish ditties which verged on cafe-concert music. In one or two of these his singing was debonair and delightful. His voice had something of Mr. John McCormack's quality, but with much less than Mr. McCormack's breath-technique.

Mr. Schipa was in his more important pieces far from being certain of his control, as he showed by gasping in the wrong places in Brahms's "May Night," and by inserting dozens of aspirates in his English songs. And air from "Werther" was sung with charming tone, but "Where'er you walk" (from "Semele") showed how much the singer had to learn. Miss Rita Neve contributed piano solos to the programme.

tion of protector and guardian, Krantz replied, "On the contrary, they mutually blackmailed one another."

Questioned as to the meaning of the phrase, the accused said: "They threatened to denounce one another to the parents. The result was that neither of them said anything, and both of them did as they liked."

Discussing the Crimes.

Krantz described the various combinations of murder and suicide which he discussed with Scheller. From a letter left behind for a friend, the ultimate agreement appears to have been that, first, Krantz should shoot the girl and Scheller should murder Stephan, after which Krantz was to kill Scheller and then commit suicide. Krantz explained his motive as jealousy, though he admitted that he spent a portion of the evening in the bed-room alone with Hildegard's friend. He said he did not know the reason of Scheller's animosity towards Stephan.

It was made quite clear that both Krantz and Scheller were, at the time of the tragedy, strongly under the influence of alcohol.

Before proceeding to put their plan into execution the friends wrote a number of letters. One of these was addressed "To the Universe," and began as follows: "Dear Universe—A single portion of the organism perishes. Do not worry about it; you will hardly feel the extinction of one cell as a loss. Time will continue to roll on. What significance has such a fragment of life? A brief, flashing ray in the world, and then dust and ashes. An idea is consecrated to death, not a class, but a race struggle, black against yellow."

So much was written by Scheller, and Krantz added: "We will draw the last conclusions. At this moment Hans Stephan and Maenne (a pet name for Hildegard) will die by our hand. We two, Guenther and I, will part from life with a smile." Krantz now admitted that when no longer under the influence of liquor he "could not understand such stuff on paper."

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Gay Retreat."

To-day—World Theatre; "A Man's Past."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Honeymoon Express."

To-day—H.K.V.D.C. Royal Artillery Assen., smoking concert at R.E. Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Quarry Bay Dance, at 7.30 p.m.

April 21—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. Social, at 7.30 p.m.

April 22—Music, at Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 22—Further display of the "Contra Dance" by the Societade Juvenil, at Club de Recreio, King's Park, 9 p.m.

April 22-23—Queen's Theatre; "The Quarterback."

April 22-23—World Theatre; "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30, 9.15.

April 22-23—Star Theatre; "Wild Beauty."

April 23—Entertainment to Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George.

April 24-25—Queen's Theatre; "Everybody's Acting."

April 24-25—Star Theatre; "The General."

April 26—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

April 26-28—Queen's Theatre; "The Cohens and Kelly's in Paris."

April 26-28—Star Theatre; "Footloose Widows."

June 16—Concert by M. Jacques Thibaud, famous French violinist.

Sports.

To-day H.K.V.D.C. Royal Artillery (British) Athletic meeting, Sookampoo, 5.15 p.m.

April 21—St. Peter's Club first annual marathon race, 3 p.m.

April 21—H.K. Football Assen: Chinese Athletic v. R. N. 3.30 p.m., Lai-Wah Cup final, 5 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

April 23—Extraordinary meeting of the China Light & Power Co., (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11 a.m.

April 24—Fiftieth annual meeting of China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Company's offices, Pedder-st., noon.

April 24—Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Fraternal dinner to H.K. European medical practitioners and others by the H.K. Chinese Medical Assen., at South China Restaurant.

April 24—Laying of foundation stone for the erection and extension of the East wing of the H.K. University by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce.

April 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's-bldg. by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

May 6—Presentation of Colours to the H.K.V.D. Corps, Murray Parade ground, 9.30 a.m.

CHINESE CONVICT.

JURY'S RIDER CONCERNING HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and a Coroner's jury held an inquiry into the death of a Chinese convict of the Laichikok Prison who died on April 18. Medical evidence was that the dead man, who was an opium addict, was admitted to the prison on March 20. Soon afterwards he developed tuberculosis in both lungs, and he died of the disease in spite of special attention.

It was explained in other evidence that owing to certain existing regulations, the patient, instead of being taken to the Kowloon Hospital, had to be moved across the harbour to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died soon after admission.

The jury returned a verdict that death was due to natural causes, and added the recommendation that "the law be amended to allow, in cases of emergency, prisoners from Laichikok Jail to be admitted into the Kowloon Hospital."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Sociedade Juvenil are holding a further display of the "Contra Danca" at the Club de Recreio, King's Park, on Sunday, April 22, starting at 9 p.m.

Supplementary expenditure amounting to \$14,399 for the year 1927 and \$7,875 for 1928 was approved at yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

During the first annual dinner dance of the Newport (Monmouthshire) Medical Association, Dr. Wilson, acting as locum tenens for Dr. Glyn Morgan, collapsed and died before he could be carried from the dance room. The dance was abandoned.

Major R. H. Lucas O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C., gave a lecture yesterday at a meeting of the Hong Kong University Medical Society, his subject being "Some Surgical Derangements of the Knee Joint." The lecturer, who had considerable War experience, dealt with the progress that was made in treatment of knee injuries during the War, indicating that in the early days of the war nearly every case of injury to the knee joint required amputation, necessitating amputation whereas from the end of 1915 onwards there was a large decrease in the number of wounds of this order which either ended fatally or had to be treated by amputation. The lecturer gave a full description of the treatment for various wounds to the knee joint and at the conclusion questions were answered. The thanks of the gathering were expressed to the lecturer by Professor K. H. Digby.

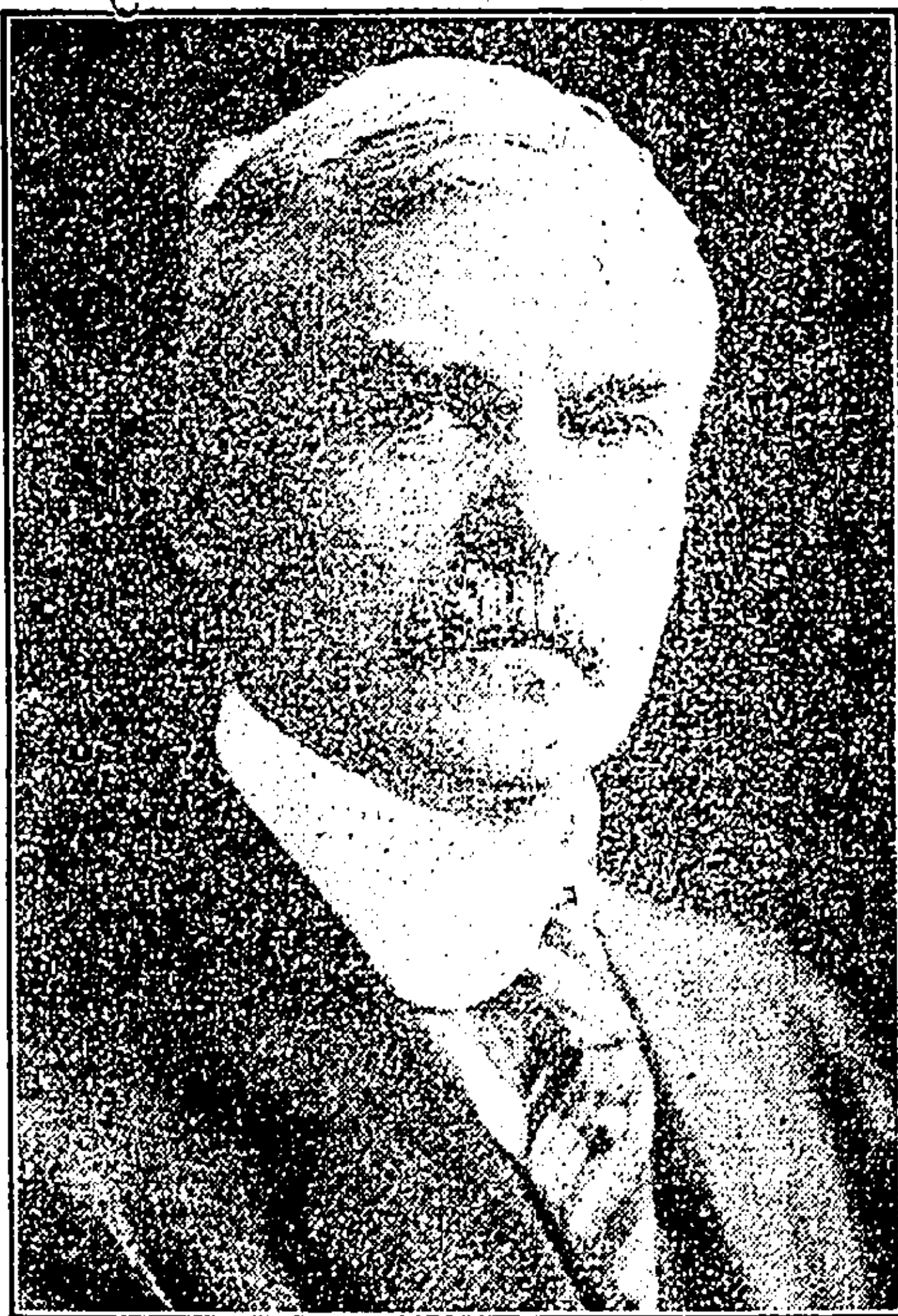
Found by the police unclaimed in Murray-road yesterday, a motor cycle has been removed by a Traffic Inspector to Police Headquarters.

An elderly coolie was yesterday knocked down in Cornaught-road Central by a motor cycle ridden by a foreigner. The cyclist took the coolie on the machine to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.



Prince Yusupoff of Russia, slayer of the Russian monk, Rasputin, who since the Russian revolution runs a style shop for men in Paris.

In view of the entertainment to be given to the Hong Kong Garrison by the Society of St. George, on Monday, April 23 (St. George's Day), The Cheer O (Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.) dance at the Helena May Institute is unavoidably postponed.



Sen. Thomas J. Walsh, prosecutor in the Teapot Dome oil inquiry, who has announced that he has assented to the plan of friends to enter him in the Democratic presidential primaries in Wisconsin, South Dakota and California. He asserted that he had no campaign plans and no thought of quitting his duties to promote his candidacy.

The Rev. John C. Davies, a Congregational minister, was severely reprimanded and bound over by the Carnarvonshire magistrates for obtaining food and lodgings at a Llandudno temperance hotel by false pretences.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield imposed a fine of \$800 or six months' jail on a hawker of cooked rice on the Kowloon-Canton trains, for the unlawful possession of ten tins of prepared non-Government opium.

Following a motor-car collision in Upland-road, East Dulwich, S.E., Mr. Bertram S. Watkins, aged 52, of Barry-road, East Dulwich, has died of injuries, and Mr. Frederick Gould, aged 29, of Rodwell-road, East Dulwich, lies in hospital in a critical condition.

The example of the Westminster Hospital, which recently decided to train no more women medical students, is likely to be followed shortly by Charing Cross Hospital. If this step is taken, only the Royal Free Hospital (where all the students are women), King's College Hospital, and University College Hospital will be open to women students. An official of the Charing Cross Hospital said to a reporter: As in the other hospitals, ours was a war-time arrangement. The number of the younger women who have applied has greatly dwindled in the last two years, so much so that at the present rate the problem will solve itself, for there will be no women applicants. The trouble is that after their course they often cannot find work.

The purchase of the Devil's Dyke at Brighton was recently completed, and on May 30 the Duke and Duchess of York will attend the official ceremony of handing it over to the Town Council.

Henry Henry, an ex-gunner of the R.G.A., who was buried at Bel- fast recently, was one of the men who fired the salute on the occasion of Queen Alexandra's landing in England to become the wife of King Edward.

Three Chinese cases of notifiable disease were reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Thursday. Two of the patients, from the city registration district, had enteric fever. The other had small-pox and was in Kowloon.

Work on the extension of the East wing of the University of Hong Kong is contemplated shortly and the foundation stone to commemorate the initial work on the erection and extension of this wing is to be laid on Tuesday next, April 24, by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce. The work includes the extension of Morrison Hall in order to complete the quadrangle as intended in the original scheme proposed in 1911. The added facilities will include sixteen cubicles, large dining hall and lounge, additional bathroom accommodation and alterations to the existing ground floor accommodation. The original scheme was designed by Mr. E. A. Ram, F.R.I.B.A. and the present modified design is that of Mr. E. F. E. Sample, of Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs.

Knocked down by a motor-car in Queen's-road Central yesterday, a Chinese suffered injuries which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

When charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy, yesterday for failing to pay his fare when riding on a tramcar, a Chinese gave the excuse that it was his first ride on a tram. He was fined \$3, or, in default, five days' jail.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Mishima Maru" arrived here yesterday with a large party of Australian tourists bound for Japan, among whom were Mr. W. D. James, late General Manager of The "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper Co., Tasmania; Mr. E. A. Harper, of Messrs. P. Sheehan Printing Ltd., Melbourne; Mr. David Lewis, of Messrs. Love and Lewis, Melbourne; Mr. John Cooke, of Messrs. Cooke and Son, Ltd., of Adelaide.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Major C. Willson found a Wei-hai-wei constable guilty of assaulting two Chinese in Des Voeux-road on April 15. The constable was alleged to have searched the two men and threw on the ground a parcel of clothing which one was carrying. When the man stooped to pick the parcel up, the constable assaulted him. When the other man remonstrated, the constable kicked him. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

"My wife thinks a motor-car much too swanky," said the Bishop of Stepney, Dr. Mosley, who was presented with a motor-car at Oxford House, Bethnal Green, E. The motor-car was subscribed for by clergy and laity of East and North-East London. Dr. Mosley said to a "Daily Mail" reporter: For the past eight years I have been travelling about in eight boroughs and 180 parishes by motor-omnibus and tramway car. I must have done thousands of miles this way. During the strike I got about on a bicycle. A sum of £530 was subscribed for the car, of which £400 was in small amounts. The car itself cost £400, and the balance was given to Dr. Mosley for its upkeep.

The last annual general meeting of the governors of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital to be held in the old building in King William-street, Strand, took place recently, the Earl of Arran presiding. He announced the plans for the transfer of the work of the hospital to the new building, which is approaching completion, in Broad-street, between Drury-lane and Shaftesbury-avenue. The transfer was to begin with the opening of the out-patients' department on April 10. The new hospital will provide double the accommodation of the old, and there will be fourteen private rooms for paying patients. The cost of the removal, including land, building, and equipment, is estimated at £150,000 of which £50,000 is still required.

A story of drunkenness and attempts at suicide by an Air Ministry official was revealed at Letchworth, Hertfordshire, when an inquest was held on Major William Horsley, of 15, Jackman's-place, Letchworth. He was found dead with his head in a gas oven. Mrs. Horsley, the widow, who is nearly blind and has four young children dependent on her, said that since October her husband had attempted suicide three times. He was frequently the worse for drink, and had got into the hands of money-lenders. For the last two years he had been in the accounts department of the Air Ministry. P. C. Elkins said he found the man lying on the floor on some cushions in a pyjama suit with his head in the gas oven and the taps turned on. The gas was exhausted from the shilling-in-the-slot meter. The coroner returned a verdict of Suicide by Coal Gas Poisoning while of Unsound Mind.

Ex-Archdeacon John Wakeford, defendant in one of the most remarkable trials in the history of the Church, has been admitted to the Kent County Asylum, Barming Heath, near Maidstone. Ex-Archdeacon Wakeford, who was formerly Canon and Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral, Archdeacon of Slow, and vicar of Kirkstead, near Horn-castle, was in 1921 accused of staying in an hotel in Peterborough with a woman who, it was stated, had signed her name in the visitors' book as his wife. He was removed from his ecclesiastical offices as the result of the findings of a Consistory Court, and, although he appealed to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, his appeal was dismissed. He alleged that the prosecution was a conspiracy to hound him out of the Church, and his wife gave evidence on his behalf at the trial. Until his admission to the Kent County Asylum, he had been living with his wife in a little house at Biggin Hill, Kent. He was adjudged bankrupt in 1924.

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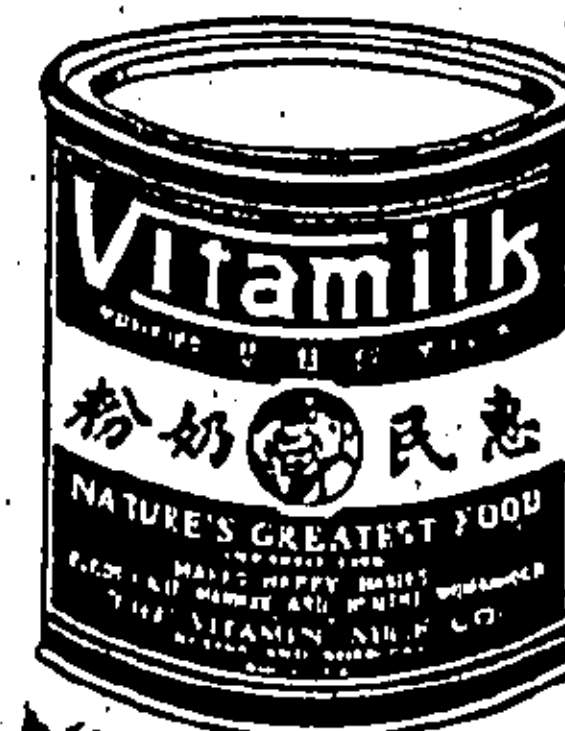
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This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" covers all branches of activity in Hong Kong and South China. It is such a one that can be sent away to describe, in a good many respects, life in the Colony. Brimful of interest, this number of the "Overland" is also worth keeping handy for future reference. Subjects dealt with include the following:—

Opening of the Nationalist drive against Peking (with comment and footnotes to elucidate matters for non-Chinese).
Marshal Li Chai-sum's return to Canton.
Legislative Council business.
Sanitary Board meeting.
Annual inspection of Police and Fire Brigade. Police Reserve, with presentations and H.E.'s address.
Conclusion of visit of Japanese Fleet.
Kowloon affairs.
Piracy of another coastal steamer.
Lobo v. Lee Hysan libel case judgment.
Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals meeting.
Several public company meetings.
In addition to the above, the "Overland," as usual, contains the week's local news, the Far Eastern cables, names of residents gone on leave, sports articles, wedding reports and obituary notices.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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SOCCER FOR CHARITY.

Two "Star" Matches To-morrow.

THE LAI WAH CUP FINAL.

League Winners to Meet Navy in First Game.

[By "Rover."]

Much is expected of the two "star" soccer matches, to-morrow when the gross proceeds will be given to the fund for the dependents of the late Telegraphist Air Gunner Stanley Jackson, Royal Air Force.

All four teams competing annually in the Lai Wah Cup are to take part. The Army meet the Civilians in the final and some tip-top football is anticipated. The Chinese (who lost to the Army) and the Royal Navy (defeated by the Civilians) play first in an "exhibition friendly."

Both matches are on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at Happy Valley. Details are:—

Friendly:—Chinese Athletic Association v. Royal Navy, kick-off 3.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. Ip Kau-ko.

Lai Wah Cup Final:—Civilians v. The Army, kick-off 5 p.m. Referee: Mr. F. Smith. Linesmen: Mr. J. W. Baldwin and Staff Sgt. Gilbert.

These two fine matches should draw a great crowd at the Valley if the weather is fine. The whole of the proceeds are being devoted to the dependents of the late Telegraphist Air Gunner Stanley Jackson, R.A.F., who was killed in the Naval seaplane disaster in the harbour on April 3. A big effort is being made to make the result a worthy one. The officials of the games on Saturday are giving honorary service and members' tickets are not available, the slogan on Saturday being "all pay."

The band of H.M.S. "Hermes" will play during the afternoon. At the conclusion of the big match, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, wife of the President of the Hong Kong Football Association, will present the Cup and trophies to the finalists.

The Cup final should be very close. The Army have relied on this team all through their recent matches:—

Anderson; Hirst, Martin; Carswell, Sims, Hill; Campbell, Aird, Leach, McClintock, Alexander.

The Civilians will in all probability field the following:—

Clarke; Wheeler, Bishop; McGreevy; McKelvie, Watson; Pile, Howarth, Gosane, Rocha, Brown. Reserves: Sherry, Hedley, McBride, Cornwall, Silva.

These two sides will put up a big fight, with very little in the result, and as the season is rapidly drawing to a close, we look for a good exhibition of football to finish up with.

The earlier game between the two eliminated teams in the Lai Wah Cup should be a very bright one and the league winners, the Chinese Athletic, will find the Navy XI a strong one on Saturday. Northey will be a notable absentee, having returned to England, but the Navy team contains many new men on the station with sound Home reputations and the selectors are confident of their team's ability to put up a good show.

The Athletic, after their brilliant season, will get a big reception from their followers, and the prospects of these two fine matches should draw a great crowd in support of a most worthy cause.

FOUR COUNTY CAPS.

New Talent in the Naval Team To-morrow.

Four county "caps" are included in the Royal Navy's team to meet Chinese Athletic to-morrow. Perks (centre-half) and Shobrooke (left wing) have played for Devon, Van Tromp and Firth (on the right wing) have played for Kent.

The team has been chosen as follows:—

Brockman ("Titania"); Barkham ("Titania"), Baker ("Titania");

Williams ("Durban"), Perks ("Berwick" and Devon county), Sturdyman ("Hermes");

R.H.K.Y.C. ROWING.

EIGHT EVENTS FOR CLOSING CRUISE DAY.

Eight rowing events are included in the programme of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for the closing cruise on Saturday, April 28, in addition to the sailing races, as follows:—

4th Submarine Flotilla Cup, 1 mile, for Hong and Service fours, Denison Cup, ¼ mile, for junior pairs.

Submarine boats, ½ mile, manned by Naval ratings.

Stock Exchange Cup, 1 mile, Club and Service fours, Naval whalers, 1 mile, manned by Naval ratings.

Smith Challenge Cup, ¼ mile, for senior pairs.

Murdoch Kennett Cup, ¼ mile, for Club and Service pairs.

Boat boys' race.

MANY PITCHERS.

NATIONALS HAVE AT LEAST 16.

ALL WILLING.

Washington, D.C., April 7.

Although the baseball ghost of Walter Johnson stalked through the training camp of the Washington club, there are 16 pitchers on hand, all willing to be "another Johnson."

By common consent of the powers that be on the club, where Johnson is more of an institution than a pitcher, no one will be elected to fill the place Barney left permanently vacant when he went away to manage the Newark team.

As the work was brought to a close at the first Washington training camp in 20 years in which the great Johnson had no active part, the club is prepared to pin its hopes on pitching despite the absence of the big fellow with the terrible "fast one." Ten of the double octette of pitchers will start the season and Manager Harris and President Griffith are working out a combination in which supply young arms will get support from "old heads" in baseball.

Only two of the pitchers have passed their 30th birthday and one is just that old. Sam Jones is 35, Milton Gaston has turned 31 and Tom Zachary is 30.

The board of strategy suffered its first blow when Irving Hadley, sensational young pitcher of last season, was sent to the hospital. He will emerge in a few days without his appendix but the season will be well advanced before he can pitch. Horace Lisenbee, almost as young and even more sensational than Hadley, is in perfect health and will start the season.

Fred Marberry, veteran of the staff at 24, in point of consecutive service, although Tom Zachary went away and came back, is confident that he will be graduated from a relief role to a starting status. Garland Braxton will continue to dash in from the bullpen in times of stress. Ed Wells, late of Detroit and Birmingham, may stage a comeback and Van Alstyne, boasting a great curve ball, has a chance to return from his exile to Birmingham of last season.

Clarence Griffin, a little south paw, will not be discriminated against on account of his size. President Griffith likes the little fellows on the mound. He was once a little pitcher and a good one.

There is no chance of a shortage of left hand pitching talent. In addition to Braxton, Zachary, Wells and Griffin, Bob Burke has been brought over from last year and Lloyd Brown is up from Memphis.

Manager Bucky Harris thinks one way to make the Senators a fighting club is to start a fight at the outset so in addition to the battle for pitching places he has declared first base shortstop and centre-field wide open to competition.

With George Sisler and Joe Judge, aged but still active first base performers, available, there seems to be a conviction that a

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CHALLENGE TO MR. BAIRD TO BE RENEWED.

SIMPLE TESTS ASKED.

The \$1,000 challenge to Mr. J. L. Baird, of the Board Television Development Company, made by "Popular Wireless," is to be renewed at the expiration of the seven days allowed him in which to take it up. It is to be made applicable to the company or to Mr. Baird, together or singly.

Mr. Norman Edwards, the editor of "Popular Wireless," gave this information to a representative of "The Daily Telegraph." It will be recalled that the conditions of the challenge, which Mr. Baird has not yet accepted, are that he shall transmit over a distance of twenty-five yards three recognisable faces, various simple objects in motion, and the moving hands of a clock.

The test is to be supervised by a committee of competent investigators appointed by the editor. Mr. Edwards stated that the \$1,000 would, if Mr. Baird wished, be paid to any charity he likes to name.

"The technical problem of television," said Mr. Edwards, "is extremely complicated and not easy for the lay mind to understand, but in the opinion of scientists it will undoubtedly be a practical proposition one day. But it is also the opinion of scientists—certainly of the many I have consulted—that known television systems are not capable of sufficient development to warrant great optimism with regard to their early utility for television in the home."

"Our challenge to Mr. Baird," he continued, "was based on a desire to clarify the position. If he could carry out the conditions, he would at least have demonstrated that his

BILLIARDS MATCH.

A billiards match between the Wardens' Mess and the Royal Artillery Sergeants' Mess was won by the Gunners by 49 points. Q.M.S. Grimes made a break of 62.

Scores:—
Wardens. R.A. Sergts.
Collins 100 Broadbridge 150
Hodge 127 Leach 150
Murphy 150 Davis 110
Dyer 135 Grew 150
Gowland 150 Grimes 137
Robertson 133 Scouler 150

Total 798 Total 847

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

R.H.K.G.C. OLD COURSE.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's old course at Fanling on Sunday are as follows:—

9.24 a.m. F. A. Redmond, E. Des Vocux.

9.28 " T. Christie, L. R. Andrews.

9.32 " W. K. Tait, R. Warbrick.

9.36 " S. T. Butlin, H. R. Forsyth.

9.40 " M. G. Mills, W. K. Duncombe.

9.44 " W. A. Butterfield, H. R. Sturt.

9.48 " A. D. Humphreys, A. E. Lissaman.

9.52 " L. Yates, E. Stone.

9.56 " A. R. Cox, J. S. Dykes.

10.00 " F. A. Merry, D. W. Beamish.

10.04 " E. R. Hallifax, Sir J. H. Kemp.

10.08 " H. C. Hull, F. G. Fowle.

10.12 " J. Cameron, G. H. Bell.

10.16 " T. D. E. Pendered, E. D. Lawrence.

10.20 " G. S. Hugh Jones, E. P. Fletcher.

10.24 " D. M. Goodall, A. J. Frank.

10.28 " S. A. Arthur, E. C. Frederick.

10.32 " G. E. Ellams, C. B. Brown.

10.36 " A. Leach, E. M. G. Graves.

10.40 " W. M. Lyons, J. H. M. Andrew.

10.44 " W. A. Weight, J. P. Sherry.

10.48 " J. Coulthart, A. P. Bungey.

10.52 " A. B. Purves, M. H. Roffey.

trade may yet cause a distribution of the over supply. Neither seems ready to sit on the bench. Sister is apparently slated to start the season.

Bobby Reeves has the inside track at shortstop. If the former Georgia Tech star had turned to boxing instead of baseball he would have made a reputation as one able to "take it." When he is knocked down he gets up. Two other collegians, Grant Gills and Jack Hayes, both former wearers of the Crimson of Alabama will be reserve infielders.

A battle for centre-field is expected to continue right through the season between Sam West and Foster Gangel, with Barnes, a third Alabama contribution in reserve. West has shown more speed than Gangel but Washington's "Babe," who comes from a baseball family, is a terrific hitter. Two South-eastern League recruits, Kloza and Simons, have impressive averages and if they fail to stick will be promoted in the minors.

Muddey Ruel and Benny Tate will do most of the catching with the third place going to Pete Cooper, from Birmingham, or Hugh McMullen, with Louisville last year, but formerly a major leaguer.

ETON LIBRARY.

FREDERICK TENNYSON'S MSS. AS A GIFT.

FROM POET'S NEPHEW.

An interesting gift has been made to Eton College Library by Mr. C. A. Ker, says the "Eton College Chronicle." It is a small book of Greek and Latin verses, composed by his uncle, Frederick Tennyson.

Frederick Tennyson was an elder brother of the Laureate, and, like Charles Tennyson-Turner, was a true poet, though they were naturally overshadowed by the fame of the mighty Alfred.

Frederick Tennyson did not publish much, but his work is of fine quality; Four poems by him are included in the second series of the Golden Treasury. Most of his long life was spent out of England, chiefly in Italy and in Jersey, but he died in London, surviving all his brothers.

He came to Eton in 1818 and left in 1826. Apparently after an interval, he went up to St. John's College, Cambridge, his father's college, but soon migrated to Trinity, where he was joined by his brothers Charles and Alfred.

In 1828 he won the Browne medal for a Greek ode on the Pyramids. The book which has been given to Eton is dated 1823, when he was 16, and is a very remarkable performance for a boy of that age. It contains nearly 800 lines of Greek and Latin verses, very neatly written.

system had merits which would justify his optimism. Television, it should be clearly understood, means the transmission and reception of moving pictures. Wireless methods of photograph and facsimile transmission are quite different.

FOR CANADA.

KEEN RESPONSE TO THE PRINCE'S APPEAL.

BRITONS WANTED.

The first party of British traders who will visit Canada as the result of the suggestion of the Prince of Wales in his speech last November will leave England on April 20.

The Prince in his now famous impromptu speech to the Canada Club said that Canada was on the threshold of one of the most astonishing eras of expansion and development the world has ever known. "I want to appeal," he said, "to the younger business men of this country who are blessed with imagination and opportunities to study Canada and her present needs and future possibilities as I have tried to do."

The party which will leave England in April is being organised by the Sales Managers' Association of the United Kingdom Incorporated. Mr. Stanley Talbot, who is organising this trip, said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:—

The party will number about 25 and will consist of sales managers or executives, including the textile industries. We have had a wonderful response from Canada. We are going to Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg, which is as far west as we shall reach. We shall be the first or second party to go up the St. Lawrence river after the ice has broken.

On our arrival we shall be received among others, by Sir Henry Thornton, the chairman of the Canadian National Railways.

M. Alevra filed a complaint, including a physician's certificate, stating that his wife, who was just recovering from an illness, was obliged to undergo treatment for another week because of the

shock occasioned by the agent's brutality. Mme. Alevra was formerly Dorothy Norris, who was married in 1920 at her father's villa at Narragansett Pier. Her father, who is 65, is head of a

Wall-street firm and is a member of prominent clubs. The Alevras reside with the Norries when in New York.

Wife "Insulted." The complaint said that three ruffianly agents broke into the apartment, used abusive language, insulted the woman, threatened M. Alevra with a pistol, accused him of operating a "speak-easy," demanded, "Where's the liquor? How much do you charge?" and finally said "You're under arrest." M. Alevra persuaded them to permit his wife and female servants to remain at home.

M. Creteano said he had merely forwarded the complaint "to let the United States Government take whatever steps it deems necessary if the facts as stated proved to be correct." M. Alevra is of a good Roumanian family and has a good war and diplomatic record.

LONDON EXCHANGES. London, Yesterday.

Paris 124.

New York 4.88 11/32.

Brussels 34.57.

Geneva 25.83.

Amsterdam 12.10 1/2.

Milan 92.55.

Berlin 20.42.

Stockholm 18.18.

Copenhagen 18.20.

Oslo 18.24.

Vienna 34.72 1/2.

Prague 164 1/2.

Helsinki 194.

Madrid 29.12 1/2.

Lisbon 2 1/2.

Athens 37 1/2.

Bucharest 77 1/2.

Rio 5 59/64.

Buenos Aires 47 13/16.

Bombay 1/6 31/32.

Shanghai 2/6 1/2.

Hong Kong 2/0 1/2.

Yokohama 1/11 18/32.

Silver Spot 26 7/16.

Silver Forward 28 1/2.

—British Wireless Service.

On the arrival of the steamer "Dorington Court" (Haldin and Co., Ltd., London), at Cardiff detectives took to hospital a wounded Arab fireman named Said Ahmed, said to have been shot in an affray on board in which two other Arabs were killed.

DO YOU KNOW?

Answers to To-day's Questions.

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2. Of our silver coins the shilling has the largest circulation.

3. Oberon is known as the king of the fairies.

4. First eight lines of a sonnet are called the octave.

5. Fluid ounce is 1-20 of an Imperial pint.

6. Peaches originally came from Persia.

PROHIBITION.

DIPLOMATIC COURIER'S ALLEGATIONS.

New York.—Through a complaint forwarded to the State Department by the Roumanian Minister, Mr. George Creteano, it has been disclosed that Prohibition agents raided the apartment of

Alfred Norris, 55, East 72nd street, on February 3, and after a vain search for liquor, arrested M. Norris and his son-in-law, Raoul Alevra, a Roumanian diplomatic courier. They were released after brief questioning at Prohibition headquarters without an apology.

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The new medallion of "Our Lady"—the work of Onorio Ruotolo, the well-known sculptor, among whose creations is the bust of his late countryman, Caruso, which stands in the Metropolitan Opera House. "Our Lady" is intended as a decoration for the American home.

The delegation will have the advantage of getting introductions and meeting the right people in the trades in which they are concerned, an opportunity which an individual visitor cannot hope to enjoy. Our arrangements are not yet complete, as we are receiving many inquiries from firms who

hope to send representatives, including the following trades: Motor tyres, chemicals, textiles, tobacco, typewriters, crayons, pottery, brushes and confectionery. The party will be away five weeks.

August Visit. Another party which will visit Canada in August in response to the Prince's appeal, is being organised by the Federation of British Industries. An official of the federation said:—

Already 25 firms have definitely booked for the trip leaving on August 17. The trades represented include leather, textiles, foundries, engineering, and steel. We have had a letter from the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. George H. Ferguson, saying that he will be very pleased to welcome the party and to make special provision for its members to visit the works they are specially interested in. We have also had invitation from Chambers of Commerce.

Parties, organised by the Drapers' Chamber of Trade and the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors, will visit Canada and the United States in April and May.

Mr. Albert Gowie, the secretary of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade, said:—

We have been sending parties to Canada and the United States since 1920 and, knowing the wonderful educational advantages of these visits, we were very pleased to see the Prince's appeal.

On the arrival of the steamer "Dorington Court" (Haldin and Co., Ltd., London), at Cardiff detectives took to hospital a wounded Arab fireman named Said Ahmed, said to have been shot in an affray on board in which two other Arabs were killed.

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On Berlin—

On demand 40 1/2

Credits 60 days' sight 50 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire 134 1/2

On Calcutta—

On demand 134 1/2

Wire 134 1/2

On Singapore—

On demand 87

On Manila—

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FAKED WAR FILMS.

WHY GOVERNMENTS SPONSOR DENATURED PICTURES?

(By John Galsworthy.)

The controversy which has arisen in England regarding "Dawn" the Nurse Cavell film, gives force and interest to the questions asked by John Galsworthy in the following article, reprinted from the London "Daily News."

For several years after it ended, the war was considered to have been a calamity. Some millions lost their lives in it, more millions lost limbs, sight, reason, sons, fathers, friends, property, hope—much or all that makes life worth living.

The Youth and Middle Age of the warring countries spent four blasted years; knew blood and mud, wounds, frost, lice, flies, stench and pestilence as they now know the streets down which they walk to work or play. And for four years the elderly lived with anxiety and sorrow by night and day.

When the war ended, and for some years after, no adults wanted to hear of war again, because they knew what it was—from beginning to end a hideous and bloody nightmare; a thing neither glorious nor sporting; one long confusion of suspense, hardship sacrifice and horror. When it

Reproduction of one millionth part of the horror and misery which every day of the war brought would be enough to ensure the utter failure of any of these films. They are, therefore, in no sense educational, for they cannot tell anything even remotely like the truth. Indeed, to tell the truth about war in a film would be quite impossible.

Hiding the Truth.

That being so, what lies behind this development, which, it will be observed, is much greater in this country than in any other? Is it desired that the memory of what war really is shall be wiped out? Do those who know the truth wish to see young folk brought up to think war glorious and inspiring?

Or has it been overlooked that the majority of those who see these films are young people who were under seventeen when the war ended, and know nothing of what war really is, and that with every year this majority will increase?

Or, again, is it considered that the promotion of peace and disarmament, and the furtherance of goodwill among nations, of which we hear a good deal, is helped by the necessary national glorification in these productions?

Or may it be that official faith in love of country is so weak that these reminders of a war which proved love of country up to the hilt are deemed necessary?

George E. Hill's Dilemma



Cinema Director Catches Too Many Wives

GEORGE E. HILL, director of the John Gilbert-Renee Adore picture of Russian life demonstrates how the Co-sack handles his matrimonial problem. The director has taken the six prettiest Russian women of the Company in tow and some of them are casting glances in his direction

that seem just a little bit ardent. It should be explained that all six are true Russians. They were induced to leave their native steppes to appear in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture and know the few words in English that would be picked up during a few weeks' stay in a foreign country.

ended, relief was such that strong men wept.

Faked Films.

And now we have war films supported by the Governments that were at war. The American film, "Convoy," the German films, "Emden," "When Fleet Meets Fleet," and "The Official War Films"; the forthcoming French film, "Verdun"; and our own "Armageddon," "Ypres," "Mons," "The Somme," "Zeebrugge," Battles of Coronel and Falklands; produced with the assistance of the Army Council and the Admiralty.

I have not seen any of these films but report says that they are staged and censored so as not to shock the susceptibilities of the public so as not to show the blood, the mud, the lice, the stench, the gaping wounds, the lingering pain and the ghastly mental torture which make up real Armageddon.

Report apart, common sense tells one that it could not be otherwise. Films must pay their way; and ordinary knowledge of human nature assures us that they could not possibly pay their way in any country if they really got on the nerves of their audiences.

What is the Object?

Or are they designed to console the peoples of the warring countries for the fact that they are groaning from taxation caused by the war? Or is it thought, perhaps, that the best way to reduce expenditure on War Services, which we are frequently told is desirable, is to fan the public's appetite for the pageantry of those War services?

Or might the opinion be held that the public's demand for this particular kind of thrill was inevitable and had better be glutted at once, like a child's appetite for Christmas cake with a maximum of iced sugar?

Or, again, do Governments fear that war films without official support would be even less like war? Or, finally, is it simply that they wish to encourage the film industry of their countries; and can think of no better way of doing so?

In short, what is the exact object of official aid to war films, at a time when statesmen, according to their repeated assurances, are doing this best to repair the ravages of war, and to make war unlikely in the future?

SIR T. BEECHAM.

CRITICISMS OF HIS IDEA.

(By Robin H. Legge.)

If any there be who doubt the success achieved by Sir Thomas Beecham on his recent visit to the U.S.A., a glance at the comments made by the chief music critics upon his ability would surely remove that doubt. I have seen all the criticisms by critics of first-rate calibre, and if some of these critics held their hand a little at first, they certainly remained to praise later, and the fact of the holding back, I consider, was due to a trifling prejudice arising from the wave of enthusiasm over here when it was first known that Sir Thomas had accepted an invitation to cross the ocean. In proof, further, that the success was substantial, let me cite the fact that since Sir Thomas returned to England a week ago he has received several cables offering him various sums to conduct in New York, one of which amounts to the colossal sum of 100,000 dollars (\$20,000) for a five months' season. But colossal or not, it is no part of the Beecham idea that he shall settle in New York. "It is perfectly true," he himself says, "that I have received very tempting offers to go to America for varying periods. I am not accepting these offers at present. I do not want to accept them at all. My interest is in my own country and the credit of my country. I want to know if my country, of which I am inordinately proud, does not really want a great national opera—a national opera of this country which will provide a future for students of music and singing, a fact they don't seem to realise, because their support has hitherto been negligible." In America Sir Thomas gave fourteen concerts in Boston, New York, Providence, Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, and at the very first, in New York, he disarmed his orchestra by saying to them as they met before going on to the platform for the concert, after their very limited rehearsals, "Gentlemen, let us show them what you can do with my small assistance."

LUBITSCH THE MASTER.

(By Iris Barry.)

We do not always pay attention to the names of the men who make films, but we are familiar with the merits and the mannerisms of a handful of them. D. W. Griffith, now in his decline, will ever be remembered for his exquisite, sad heroines and for the smash and sweep of his big crowd scenes. Von Stroheim makes brilliant but sinister pictures of much individuality. Murnau, of "The Last Laugh" and "Sunrise," makes his actors move as if weights were tied to their hands and feet. . . .

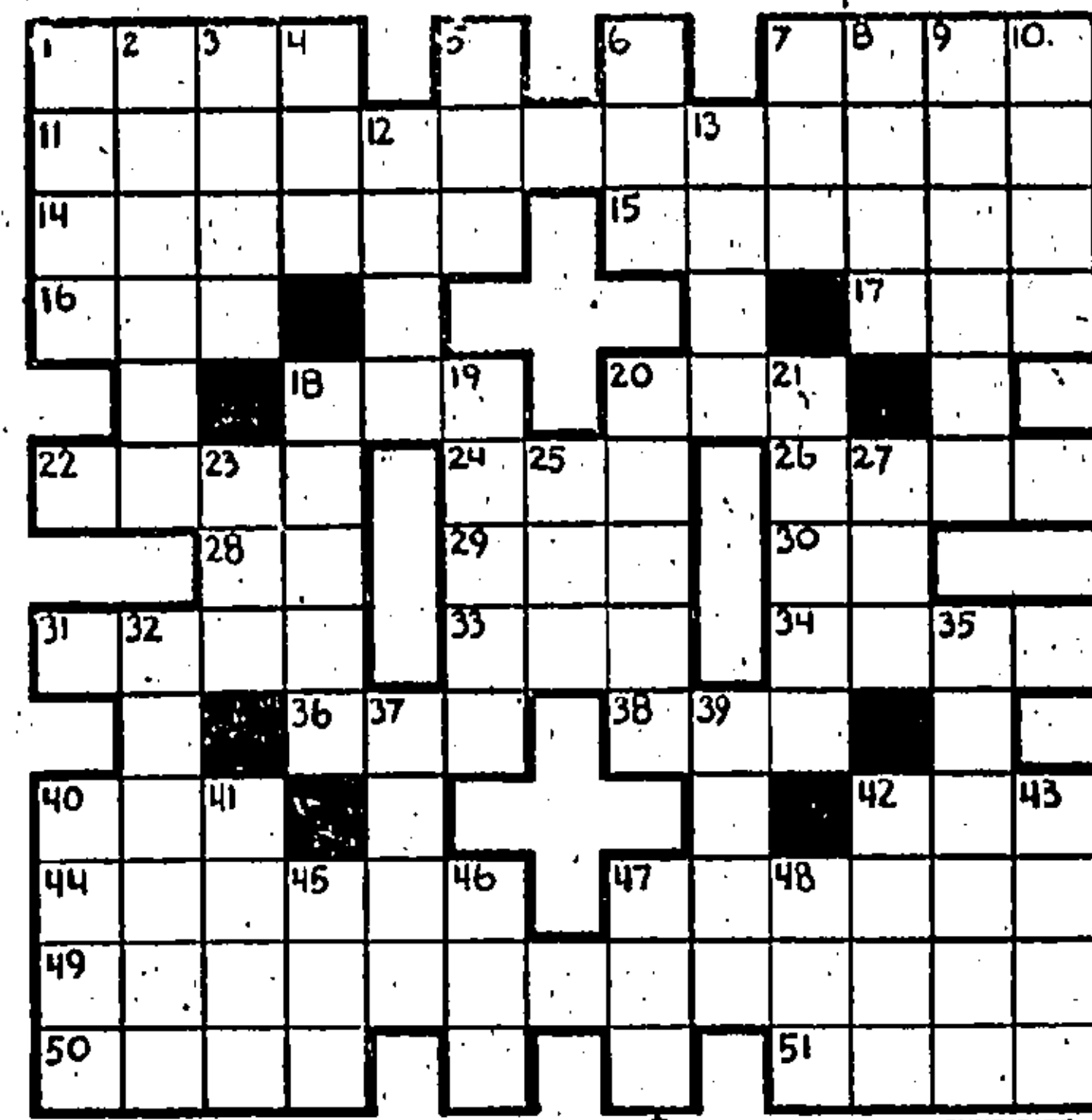
Perhaps the most effective film maker of them all, Ernst Lubitsch, is harder to tabulate. We remember "Passion," and perhaps even "Sumurun," in which he acted the part of the hunchback himself. We can call to mind "The Marriage Circle" with Menjou, "Kiss Me Again" and "Forbidden Paradise," and the whirling "So This is Paris." And now comes "The Student Prince" at the London Tivoli.

"The Student Prince" is easily one of the best pictures for a long while. It makes none of the obvious effort to be a "masterpiece" that one recognises in "Sunrise," but five minutes of "The Student Prince" tell us more than half an hour of "Sunrise."

What can Lubitsch's gift be—beyond that skill which conceals skill? The first scenes of "The Student Prince" give a clue. We are at a railway station where royalty is expected. Guards of honour, very pompous; throngs of self-important Continental gentlemen clad alike in over-formal top hats and frock coats. A world of bureaucrats. A little stir, a train arrives, much saluting. Royalty

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Village (6 let.)
- 7—A pulpit
- 11—What is a sermon preached to a graduating class?
- 14—Revised for publication
- 15—Belonging to the table
- 16—What is a fox often called in England?
- 17—An aquatic salamander-like amphibian
- 18—What cape is at the N. E. extremity of Tunisia?
- 20—What English religious reformer founded the Society of Friends?
- 22—What sea is between Nova Zembla and the mainland?
- 24—A playing card
- 25—Of what kingdom was Persepolis an ancient capital?
- 28—Article
- 29—in excessive quantity or degree
- 30—Negative (collected)
- 31—To be awaiting settlement
- 33—Man's name (short)
- 34—What is a set of appliances serving to transmit motion?
- 35—Everything
- 37—What is the French for "fire"?
- 40—Fortis (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 42—A youth
- 44—What is the alloy of copper, zinc, tin and other metals, having a golden luster?
- 47—What city is the capital of Punjab province, British India?
- 49—Affectedly sentimental
- 50—Earthwork to keep the sea from flooding the land
- 51—Minute particle

VERTICAL

- 1—To countenance
- 2—Of what lake in Russia is the Neva river the outlet?
- 3—What is a compound of hydrogen capable of uniting with a base to form a salt?
- 4—Combining form. Outside
- 5—Ancient
- 6—Silent
- 7—A sanctum (collected)
- 8—Facility
- 9—On what island of the Hebrides group, Scotland, is the famous Fingal's Cave?
- 10—What is a Manxman or a Welshman?
- 12—Combining form. Air

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13—What river in N. E. Italy flows a little west of Bologna?
- 16—What sea lies west of New Guinea?
- 19—A British province of South Africa
- 20—To grant one any corporal hereditament by delivery
- 21—What tributary flows into the Amazon river at its mouth?
- 23—Moved rapidly
- 25—What is a depression between two mountains?
- 27—What is a mottled streak in wood, as in mahogany?
- 32—What, in law, is a stray or unclaimed domestic animal?
- 35—What very famous mountain is in Armenia?
- 37—Who was the mother of the twins Castor and Pollux?
- 39—Time-period (pl.)
- 40—What is a church figuratively called?
- 41—A short stocking
- 42—A poisonous plant of the western U. S.
- 43—To delete
- 45—Short for "Isaac"
- 46—Editors (abbr.)
- 47—What is the edge of a vessel sometimes called?
- 48—Personal pronoun

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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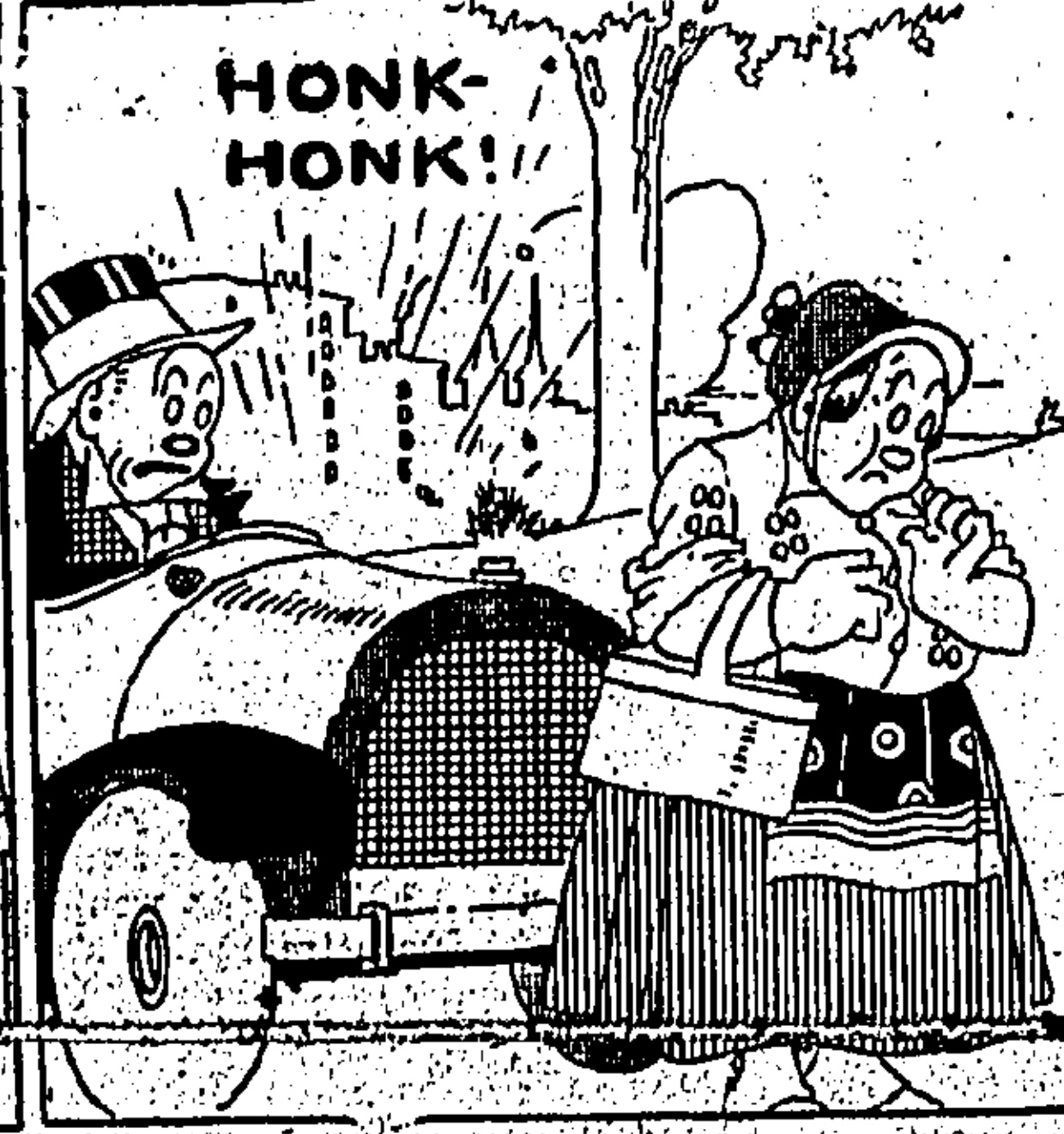
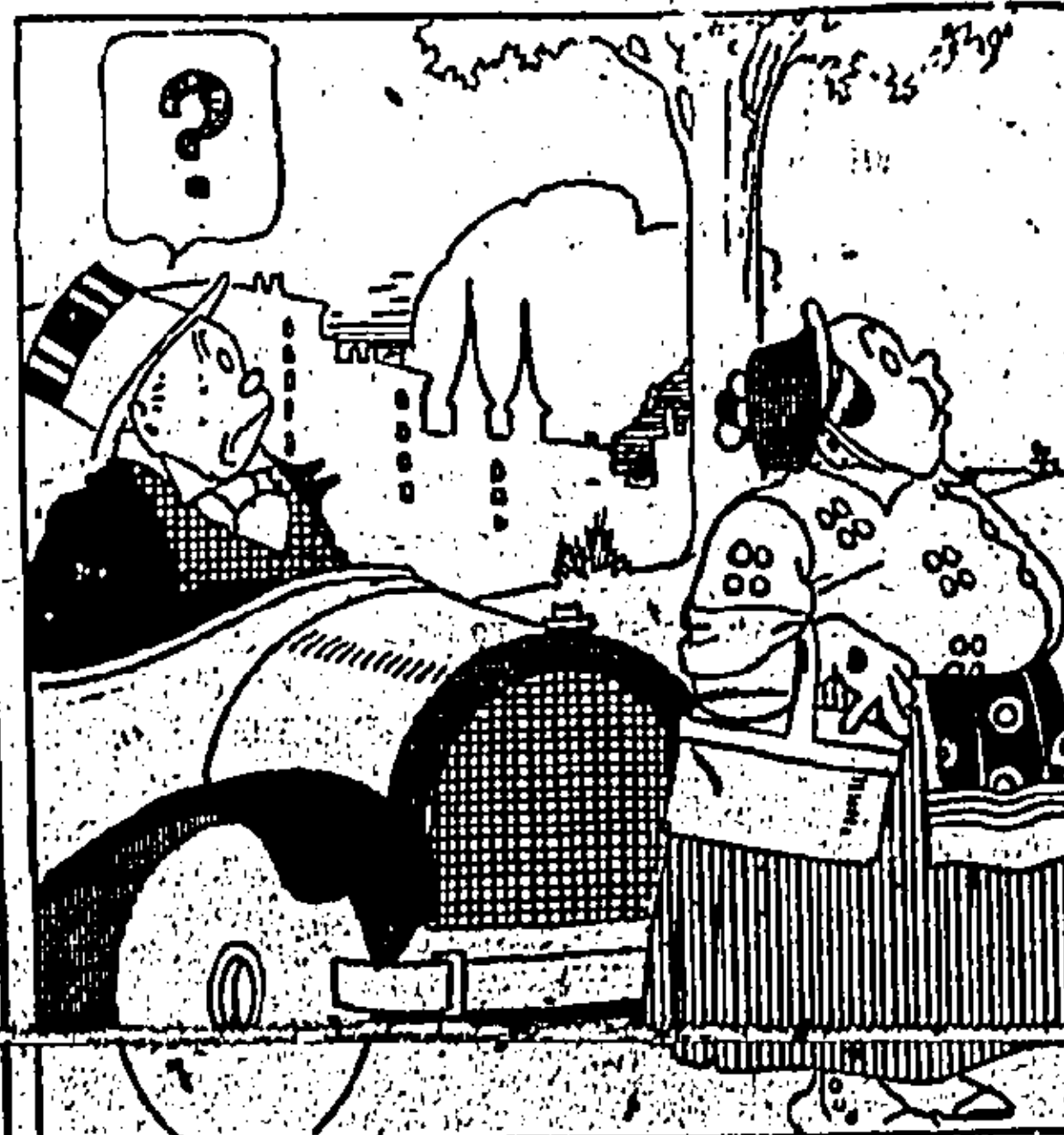
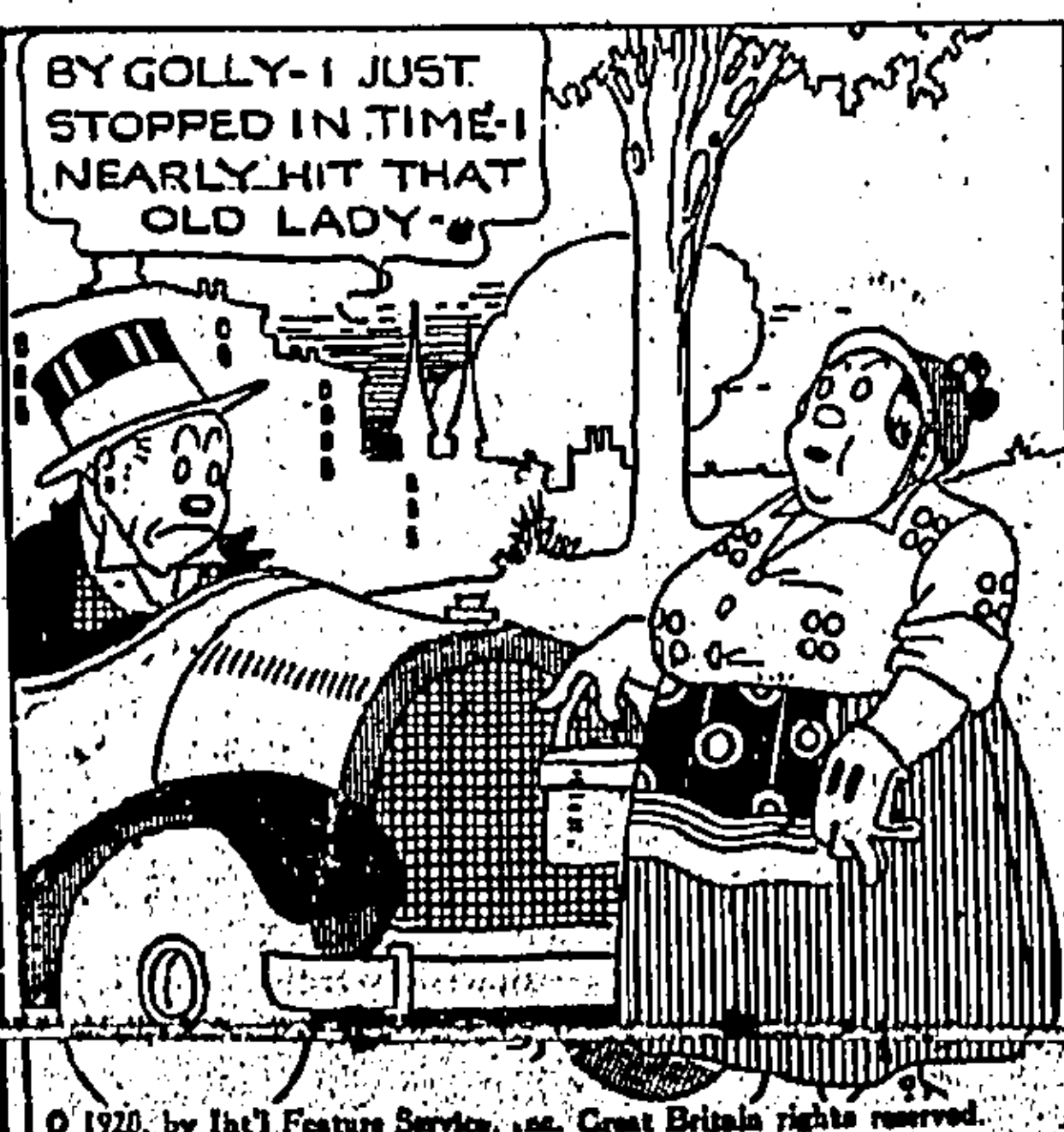
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VICTOR HUGO'S "ANGELO."

[By Adolphe Boschot.]

This monthly article on the stage in Paris is usually devoted to the literary theatres in which comedies or sometimes dramas are played, but this month interest is centred on two musical stages, for the Opera and the Opera Comique have produced noteworthy works which are destined to succeed. Furthermore, both these pieces were presented for the first time on the same evening in the very middle of the month of January. They should therefore both be reviewed here in the same article.

"Angelo," produced by the Opera Comique, is a musical drama based on the celebrated play by Victor Hugo. It is now almost a century since, in 1835, "Angelo, Tyrant de Padoue," was produced in the most favourable circumstances. At that time the patrons of the Comedie Francaise had the additional excitement of taking sides with one or the other of two great actresses. On the one hand Mile. Mara, an old-established member of the company, was upheld by the old scribers, who considered themselves as the "classic" faction; while on the other hand Madame Dorval, who had just left the melodramatic stage to join the Comedie Francaise, was riotously acclaimed by bodies of young "romantics." There is nothing more stimulating to the curiosity of spectators than such a rivalry between two women—two "stars" whose talents were so different and who could be compared in the same play.

An Ancient Lawsuit.

Two years later "Angelo" in 1837 was the cause of a great lawsuit between Victor Hugo and the Theatre Francaise, and was revived in execution of the judgment. Later, in 1850, the famous Rachel made a brilliant appearance in it, and again some twenty years ago it was the occasion of one of Sarah Bernhardt's great successes. Hugo's drama appears to use now a strange but very interesting mixture. It contains so many diverse elements. Some are

so old-fashioned that they raise a smile, while others are attractive and touching. It may be very theatrical; but it is picturesque, surprising, and lacks neither movement nor variety nor even grandeur and poetry. In his libretto for the musical version the clever dramatic author, M. Charles Méré has succeeded in attenuating that which savoured too much of 1830, while preserving all that could be useful to the composer.

The score of "Angelo" is by M. Alfred Bruneau, the celebrated composer, who for thirty years past has been winning the admiration of music lovers. In 1891 he gave us "Le Reve," after Zola's novel, a production which marks a date in the history of the musical theatre. In 1893 he produced "L'Attaque du Moulin," which has enjoyed such a glorious career, and since that time both in the theatre and in symphonic concerts the sincerity, vigorous, and fecundity of his talent has been proved by such works as "L'Oural," "Messidor," and the "Jardin du Paradis," all marked by a strong lyrical power and a poetical sense of Nature.

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"Angelo" has made an impression on the public, and has succeeded through its directness of expression. Everything counts in this score. The expression is concise and frank, the melodies abundant and spontaneous, and the style not overcharged, while the orchestration is subordinated to the vocal score and the movement of the drama. Here, then, is real music of the theatre, full of life, and following the tradition of Berlioz, Bizet, and Massenet, while at the same time bearing the personal imprint of Alfred Bruneau. It has already achieved a great and well-merited success. The piece is luxuriously mounted and played in a most praiseworthy manner.

"Le Tour De Feu."

The scene of the "Tour de Feu" is laid in Brittany, in a misty sea where winds and currents often send vessels to their doom upon the rocks. In the first act the weather is calm, and the fisherfolk are celebrating the wedding of the pretty Naic, who has married a lighthouse keeper. But then comes upon the scene an attractive Portuguese gentleman who, conquered by the beauty of Naic offers her a jewel, which she willingly accepts. The husband, however, compels his wife to return this surprising gift, and carries off his dangerously charming wife to the lighthouse, in which they are henceforth to live together. The old lighthouse (for the piece has to deal with old times) is built entirely of wood. Its light consists of a fire in an iron brazier, which has to be fed with resinous wood, and the whole structure stands upon a steep and solitary rock continually swept by the waves. Naic's thoughts turn wistfully toward the handsome forger. She loves him, and Don Jachintha has planned to carry her away. Already, despite the howling of the storm, the signals of his ship are heard. . . . But the husband, having observed the signals given by his wife, puts out the light, and the vessel is wrecked on the rocks. Naic, on witnessing the catastrophe, throws herself into the sea, while her husband, mad with grief, sets fire to the old wooden lighthouse and is swallowed by the flames.

The score, composed by M. Sylvio Lazzari, is really remarkable. Already, in "La Lepreuse," he had shown his skill and his dramatic power. Auditors of this new work will again find the brilliant qualities of this symphonic and Wagnerian musician.—"Daily Telegraph."

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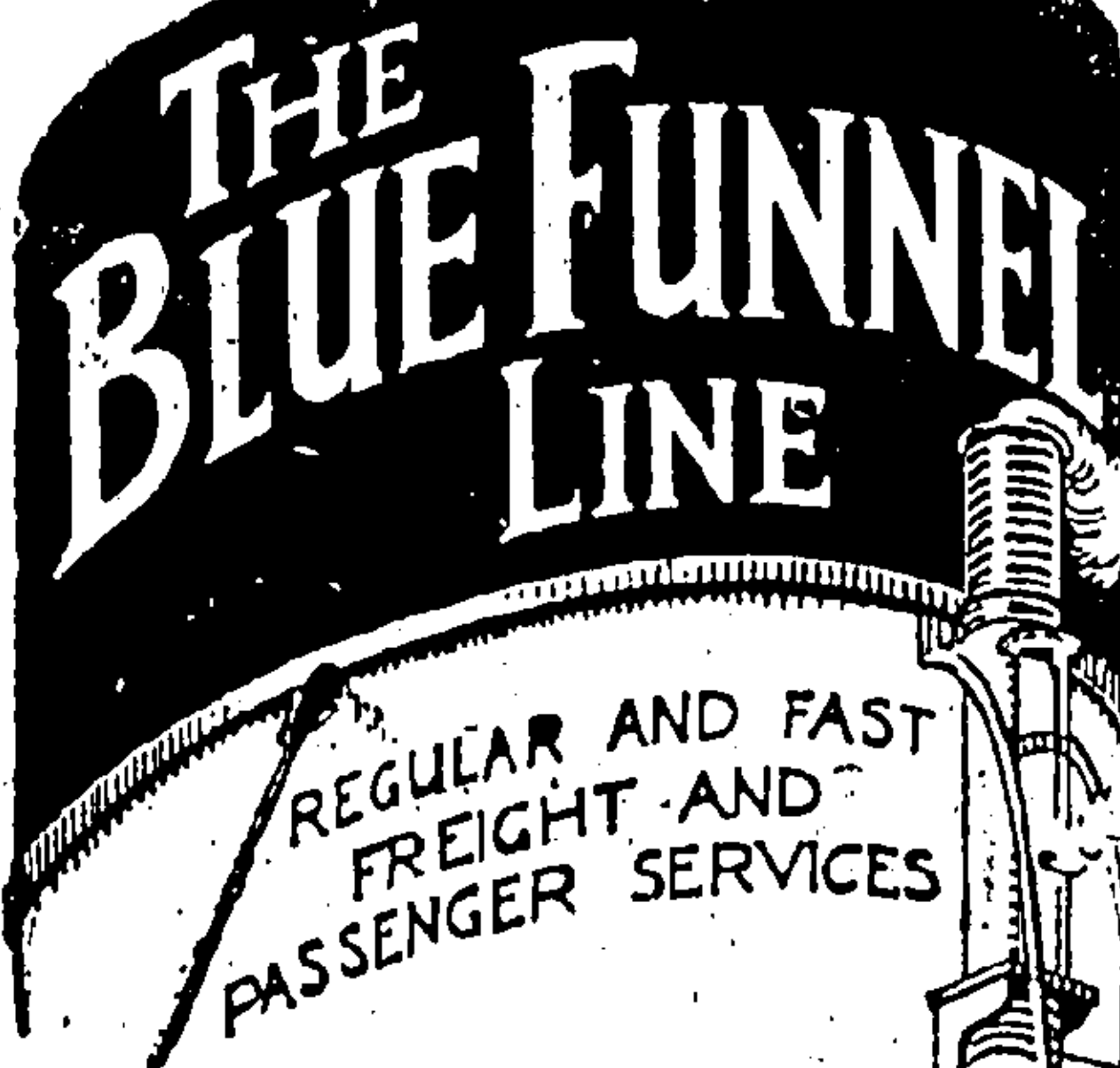
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BULGARIA'S 'QUAKE.

Latest Tremor Causes Heavy Destruction.

NIGHT OF TERROR.

Many Deaths And Injuries In Philippopolis.

Sofia, Yesterday. Philippopolis was the city which suffered most in the earthquake. Electricity was cut off and the darkness was only relieved by fire breaking out in several quarters.

The military club, several large tobacco depots and many houses were destroyed, but the number of victims is not yet known.

Most of the population of Sofia, where the shocks were less severe, spent the night in terror in the open air.

Belgrade, Yesterday. There has been an earthquake 56 miles south-east of Belgrade, as violent as the earthquake on April 14 and followed by several lesser shocks. No serious damage was done.

Thirty Shocks. Thirty earthquake shocks were felt at Philippopolis during the night. The casualties so far are known to be 10 killed and 50 injured.

Distressing Details. Sofia, To-day. Fifteen persons were killed and 80 injured at Philippopolis, many being buried in the ruined buildings.

Ten are known to have been killed at Papazly, a village 18 miles away.

Many people were driven mad at Tahirpan.

Dwellings In Ruins. Over 1,000 dwellings are in ruins in Philippopolis while others have been rendered uninhabitable.

It is known that 27 were killed in five neighbouring villages.—Reuter.

WAR "OUTLAWED." MR. KELLOGG'S TREATY SUBMITTED TO LEAGUE.

AVOIDING MISUNDERSTANDING.

Geneva, Yesterday. In view of avoiding a misunderstanding the United States Consul has unofficially communicated to the League Secretary a draft of Mr. F. B. Kellogg's Treaty Outlawing War.

The French Note. Paris, Yesterday. The French Note being telegraphed to London, Berlin, Rome and Tokyo immediately, embodies the draft treaty outlawing war.

It follows on the lines of the Note to America cabled on March 31 and stipulates that its validity will depend not only on the ratification of six of the great Powers but upon the accession of a number of other Powers like Poland and Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DIET. MAY BE AGAIN DISSOLVED SHORTLY.

NON-CONFIDENCE VOTE.

Tokyo, Yesterday. In connection with the Home Minister's action at the General Election, the Independent members of the Diet have decided to introduce a vote of non-confidence in the Home Minister at the session of the Diet to be convened to-morrow.

The Minseito have agreed to support the vote, and therefore, unless there is some unexpected development, the Government, which is determined to stand by the Home Minister, will almost certainly be defeated.

In this event it is generally believed that Baron Tanaka with resign the Diet and call another General Election.

Leaders of the Minseito have protested to the Premier concerning the incident at Wakayama, when a Minseito member of the Prefectural Assembly was stabbed to death. The leaders strongly censure the Government's failure to protect members of the Opposition from such outrages.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

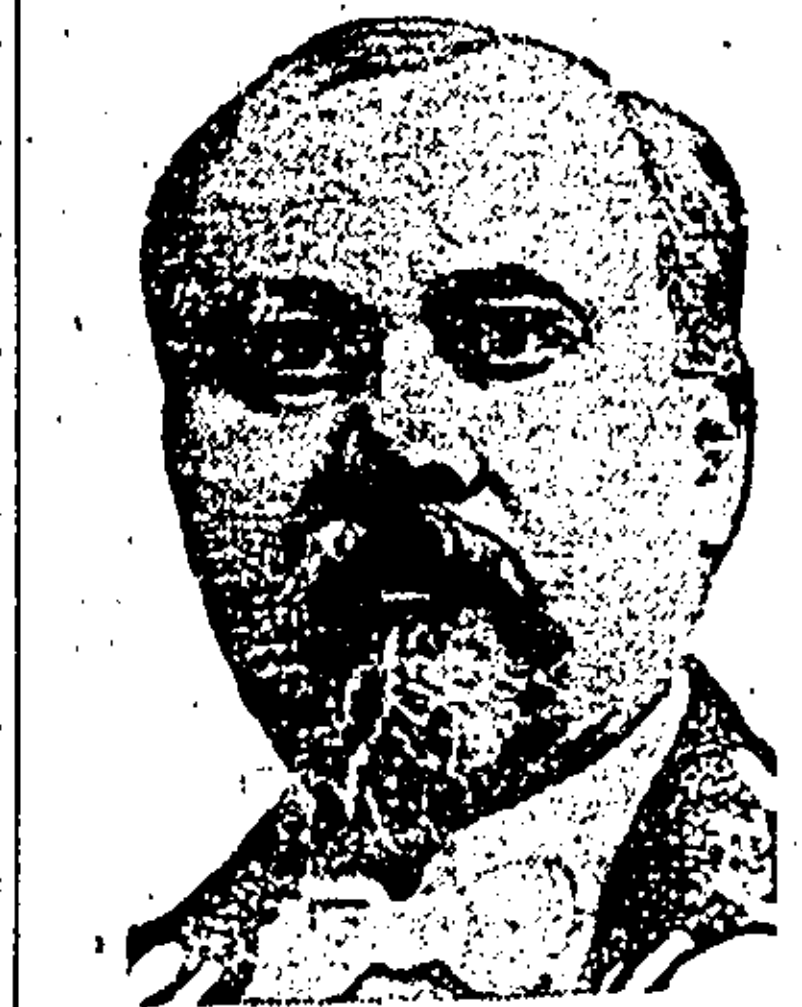
FRENCH PREMIER.

Election Likely To Favour Poincare.

ODDS "STRONGLY IN FAVOUR."

But An Element Of Uncertainty Exists.

Paris, Yesterday. The first ballot in the French Elections will be held on April 22 and the second and final ballot on April 29. The main issue is the question of the continuance of



M. Poincare.

the Poincare Government and its financial policy.

The odds are strongly in favour of a comfortable majority for the Poincare policy, which means that the Cabinet is composed of the leaders of all the parties of order (as opposed to the parties of revolution) who agree to sink party differences.

This ensures a working majority of the right and centre left

RAIN AND FOG.

E. winds, moderate, overcast, rain, fog, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over North China. The Indo-China depression has deepened and is now central to the N.W. of Haiphong.

parties, which set France's financial house in order.

M. Poincare, as in 1926, remains the only statesman capable of controlling such a mixed detachment of political stars.

An element of uncertainty arises from the fact that the elections are held with a reversion to the old system "Scrutin de Arrondissement," with one member per constituency as in Britain, but two ballots.

The Radical-Socialists and Socialists, who are responsible for the abandonment of the hybrid proportional representation of 1919 and 1924, reckon to gain by the change. The general prediction is that the new Chamber will not differ widely from its predecessor.—Reuter.

THE NEXT "HOP."

NEW YORK END OF "BREMEN'S" FLIGHT.

ICE TEN FEET THICK!

Lake St. Agnes (Quebec), Yesterday.

"We have not reached New York yet, and until we do, our trip is not over," declared Commandant Fitzmaurice, when he landed here to obtain spare parts for the "Bremen."

He said it would be two or three days before he could get back to Greenly Island, and would take another few days to repair the plane.

The ice at Greenly Island is ten feet thick. It is not anticipated that they will have any difficulty in taking off with wheels, but, if necessary, they would use skis, and make an intermediate landing at Lake St. Agnes where they would replace their wheels.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

LORD EVERSLEY.

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London, Yesterday. The death is announced of Lord Eversley.

[Much better known as Mr. George Shaw-Lefevre, a well-known Gladstonian Liberal, Lord Eversley was born in 1831, contested Winchester in 1859; was Secretary to the Admiralty in 1871-74; First Commissioner of Works in Gladstone's Administration of 1881-83. As Postmaster-General in 1883-84 he carried the Act establishing 6d. telegrams.]

DEPUTY DORIOT.

COMMUNIST AT LAST ARRESTED.

AT ELECTION MEETING.

Valence, Yesterday.

M. Doriot was arrested while leaving an election meeting.

AT DRURY LANE.

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"THE SHOW BOAT."

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London, March 27. Drury Lane's biggest play, the American success "Show boat," which is succeeding, "The Desert Song" in May, cost \$300,000.

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The story concerns a theatre company which has been playing in the Mississippi towns since the '80's till now.

DANGEROUS DRUGS.

DISCREPANCIES NOTED IN STATISTICS.

MORE RIGID CONTROL.

Geneva, Yesterday. The examination of statistics of imports and exports of morphine and salts of morphine revealed considerable discrepancies to the League Opium Committee, owing to the uncertainty of the figures supplied, but it was felt that more rigid control will be possible when the Opium Convention operates.

M. Bourgeois affirmed emphatically that the French manufactures of these drugs only covered the country's legitimate requirements.—Reuter.

What Statistics Show Regarding China.

Geneva, Yesterday. A formidable list of opium seizures have been reported to the League since November, 1926.

These were discussed by the Opium Committee to-day who testified to the vigilance of the authorities in many countries to cope with illicit traffic.

Statistics showed that there is no legitimate trade in prepared opium in China and the amount of illicit consumption between 1921-26 was unknown.—Reuter.

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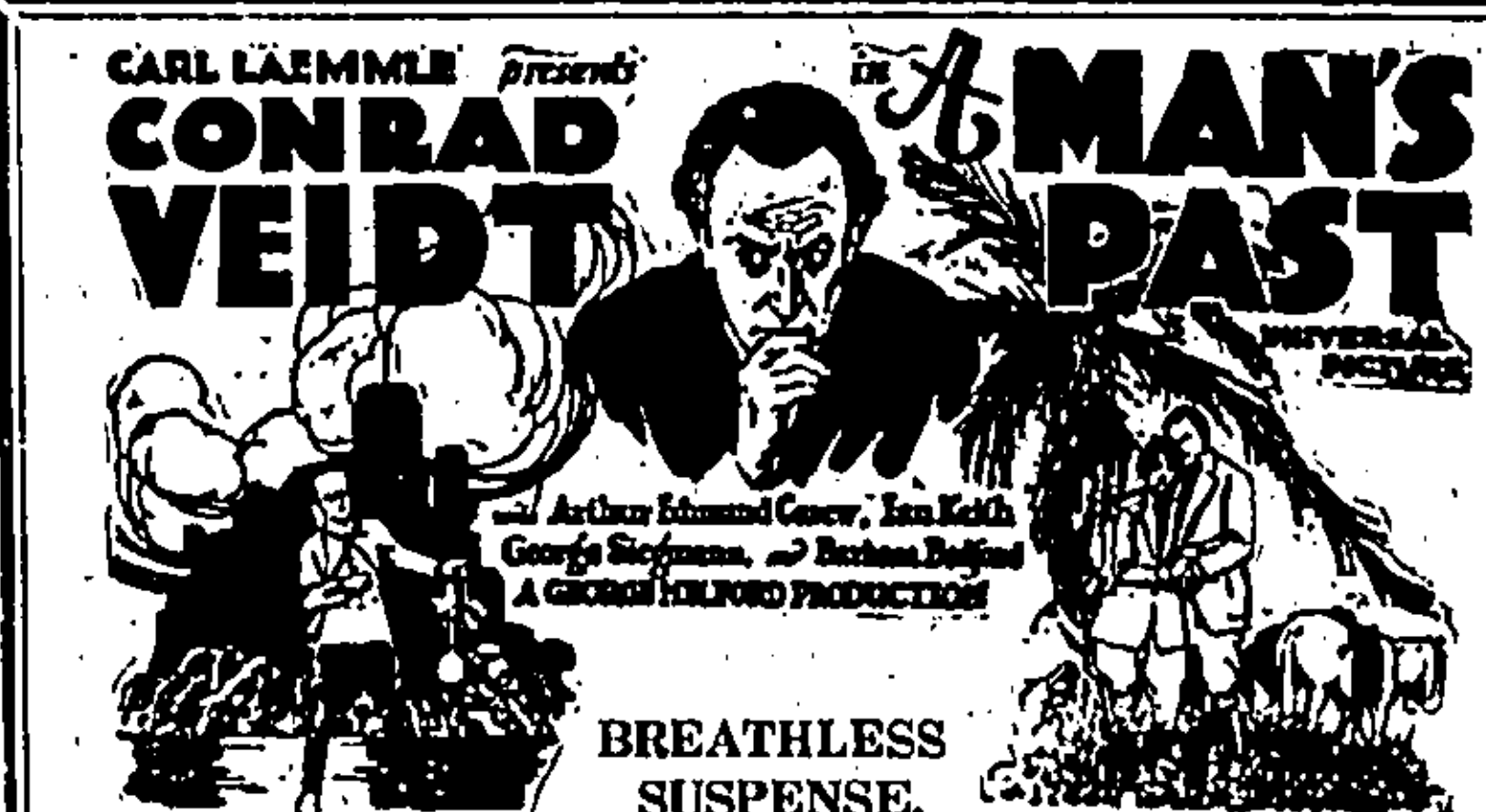
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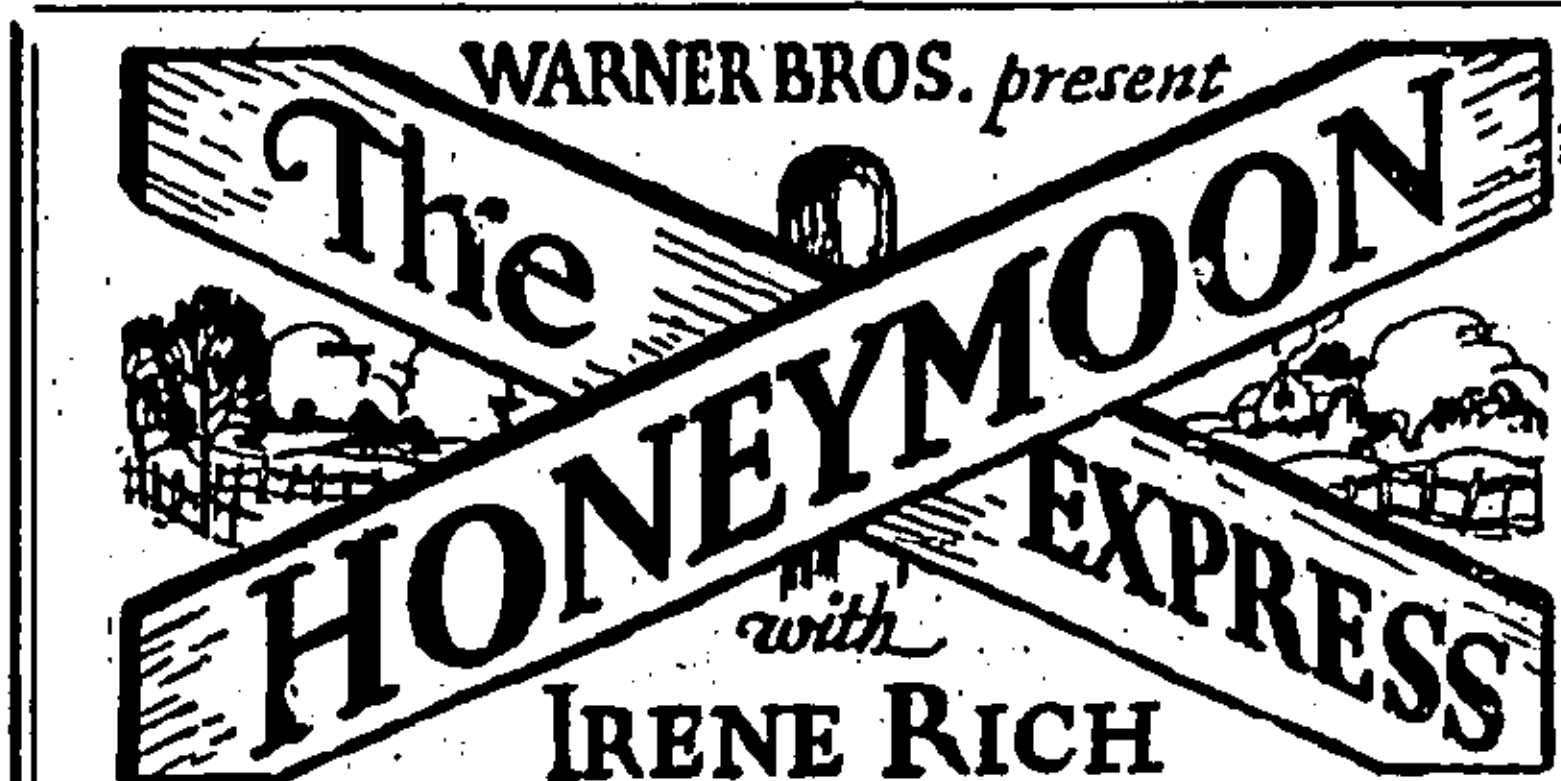
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